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Israel willing to talk peace

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

Israel will waste no time seeking peace with its Arab neighbors and is prepared to negotiate with Syria on "all the issues," including territory, an Israeli cabinet minister said here Sunday.

"The war and the events which took place recently should not be an excuse to delay efforts for peace negotiations but rather as stimuli, as an incentive, to start them on a basis that may lead to peace and security for Israel and for the other countries in our region," Health Minister Ehud Olmert said in an address to the 32nd annual policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

"We will immediately embark on negotiations to achieve peace with the Arab countries in our region, with Saudi Arabia, with Kuwait, with the (United) Arab Emirates, with Jordan, with Syria, without any delay," Olmert told some 2,000 delegates attending the AIPAC conference.

"Israel is prepared, is offering to sit at the table with each one of these countries and to negotiate immediately," he said.

With Syria, he said, "we are ready to negotiate all the issues, all of the claims, all of the demands, including the territorial demands of the Syrians," as well as Israeli demands.

Olmert's statement was the clearest indication in recent weeks that Israel is willing to discuss the future status of the Golan Heights with Syria.

Israel has previously said it is willing to enter negotiations with Syria without preconditions. But Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has been quoted lately as saying that Israel would never give up the Golan Heights, which it captured from Syria in 1967 and annexed in 1980.

Olmert, a politically moderate member of Shamir's Likud bloc, made clear at the outset of his speech that he was speaking on behalf of the prime minister, who had been scheduled to address the AIPAC conference in person.

Shamir spoke to the convention by satellite-hookup from Jerusalem, but limited his remarks to greetings and a brief report on Secretary of State James Baker's visit to Israel last week.

The prime minister said he had a "useful exchange of views" with Baker and was "encouraged by the secretary's cautious and friendly approach to the very complex problems of the region."

In his remarks, Olmert indicated that Israel agrees with the "two-track approach" to the Middle East peace process that Baker has been advocating.

The idea, Olmert said, is that as Israel moves toward peace negotiations with its Arab neighbors, it simultaneously begins "an immediate process of negotiation with proper Palestinian representatives to achieve an interim agreement that will agree to a permanent solution of these problems."

That process "will start simultaneously, independently, at the same time right now," he emphasized, drawing a strong round of applause.

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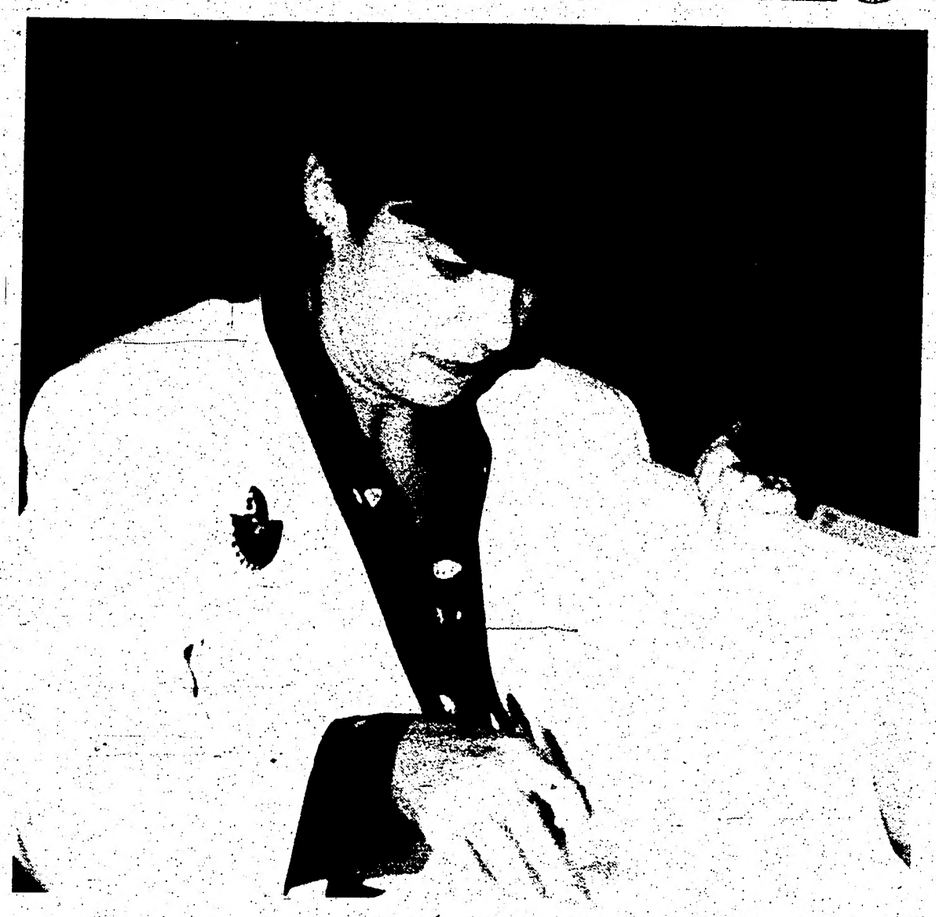

Sheila Copps at the CIC convention.

UN resolution stand scores points for Copps

By RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —

Liberal deputy opposition leader Sheila Copps scored points at the CIC policy conference in Ottawa by calling for the repeal of the 1975 United Nations General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism, and an end to the Arab trade boycott against Israel.

The resolution is an obstacle standing in the way of a full and frank discussion regarding peace in the Middle East, she said. "We call upon the Mulroney government to press for repeal of that resolution now."

And, Copps said, Arab recognition of "Israel's unassailable right to exist" needed a corollary. "It follows that Arab governments should abandon the trade boycott against Israel."

"This move could represent a substantial and very positive step towards rebuilding understanding."

Copps called for the consultative process to continue hoping it will lead to a more formal framework for negotiations. But "certain issues are immutable," she said.

Israel's right to exist within safe and secure borders (as set out in UN resolutions 242 and 338) and its right to defend itself are not negotiable, she said.

In addition, "we [Liberals] urge Arab nations to recognize Israel's right to exist and we also support the Security Council's call for Israel's withdrawal from territories occupied in during the 1967 war in conjunction with Arab nations recognizing the state of Israel and ceasing the [ongoing] state of war against Israel," she said.

David Bensoussan, a Universite du Quebec electronics professor from Montreal, and a speaker at the recent Kesher convention for alumni of Israeli programs was "pleased".

"She put things back on the right track. She said you give up land but (in return) you want recognition," he said.

The Liberals support the "involvement of Palestinians seeking to build a peaceful future in the West Bank and Gaza strip," Copps said. Despite pressure to do so, Copps would not close the door on the PLO even though it had recently "discredited itself."

"We do believe that now is not the time to completely cut off communication," she said in response to a written question from the floor. "Rather what we should be doing is keep the lines of communication open so that the Palestinian people on the West Bank and Gaza Strip can find a way to [choose] a legitimate leadership.

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THANK YOU—WITH FLOWERS

Jordan Valley flower growers descended on central Tel Aviv with arms full of flowers to distribute them free to Tel Aviv residents. The freshly picked flowers were a tribute to Tel Aviv area people who had volunteered to help pick flowers in the absence of workers from the territories. [IPPA photo]

Crown attorneys urged to prosecute Keegstra

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Jewish organizations are urging Alberta Crown prosecutors to again prosecute Jim Keegstra on hatemongering charges.

Barbara Schacter, Western regional director for B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, said the Supreme Court of Canada has ruled the anti-hate laws used against the former Eckville school teacher are constitutionally valid.

"If this were any other offence, we would not even be asking this question, a retrial would be almost automatic," she said.

Canadian Jewish Congress' community relations chairman Joseph Wilder said "it's been a long hard fight to get a hatemonger like Keegstra convicted, so it would be a shame to let him off on a technicality at this point."

Keegstra's 1985 conviction for promoting hatred against Jews was overturned last week by the Alberta Court of Appeal and a new trial ordered. The court ruled Keegstra should have been allowed to challenge the impartiality of jurors prior to his trial.

Following a three-and-a-half month trial in 1985, Keegstra, 56, was convicted and fined $5,000. That decision was overturned by the Alberta Court of Appeal, which ruled the anti-hate law unconstitutional.

In a 4-3 decision last December, the Supreme Court ruled the anti-hate laws were valid but it referred the case back to the Alberta court for a determination of other legal grounds of appeal.

The Supreme Court had ruled that while the Criminal Code provisions that outlawed hatemongering infringed on freedom of speech, it was a justifiable limitation to attain the goal of safeguarding racial tolerance.

Both Keegstra and his lawyer, Doug Christie, opposed a new trial. Crown attorney Bruce Fraser, who led the prosecution at trial, said late last week that a decision hasn't been made whether his office will again prosecute Keegstra.

CRUNCH in the Community

Last in the series

Operations streamlined in Ottawa community

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —

Ottawa may be considered by some to be a sleepy hollow, but when it comes to giving, it's way ahead of the pack. Even with the double-whammy of the recession and Operation Exodus, it's steady as she goes in the Ottawa fund-raising sweepstakes.

"The regular campaign was fairly flat with a three per cent rise," said Gerry Kaufman, executive director of the Jewish Community Council. Operation Exodus was a big winner last year, as giving totals "matched" 100 per cent of the total monies raised for the regular campaign, Kaufman said. He would not reveal any dollar amounts.

The three per cent rise in regular campaign contributions will be eroded by inflation, Kaufman said. "It barely meets our basic needs."

As such, the community will be streamlining community operations before chopping any programs. The budgets for this year are being prepared. Said Kaufman: "We're looking for more efficiencies in administration."

The jury is still out as to why the community was unable to raise more than three per cent more than last year's regular campaign, despite the fact that Ottawa is Canada's fastest growing Jewish community. Kaufman said the campaign results were being analyzed.

Stephen Victor, a past-president of the Vaad, may have the answer. Newcomers from Toronto and Montreal just aren't giving, he said in a profile interview with The CJN.

"I think they could have a positive effect, but the problem is that they demand greater services and these young people do not have the means, or do not wish to contribute to pay for [existing and future] services," he said.

"An effort has to be made to raise their level of giving to the UJA."

Eric Weiner, president of Ottawa's relatively small Tamir Foundation (supporting a group home for developmentally handicapped adults) said that his organization has had to "work harder" to raise money in the face of the recession.

"Donations have probably fallen by about six to seven per cent," he said. The competing demands of the recession and Operation Exodus notwithstanding, "people who have it in their heart to give are going to give no matter what," said Weiner.

To make up for the shortfall, "we're negotiating with the government for some ongoing funding," he said. Approximately 10 per cent of Tamir's funding will come from the Vaad, and "we even had to resort to bingo," said Weiner.

Abe Engel, executive director of Israel Bonds for Ottawa and Eastern Ontario region said last year's sales were "up substantially.

"We've had a 47 per cent increase over last year, Engel said. "True, the recession has had a negative impact, but Israel Bonds are a proven and competitive investment vehicle.

"You'd do better with Israel Bonds than if you bought Campeau stock," Engel added.

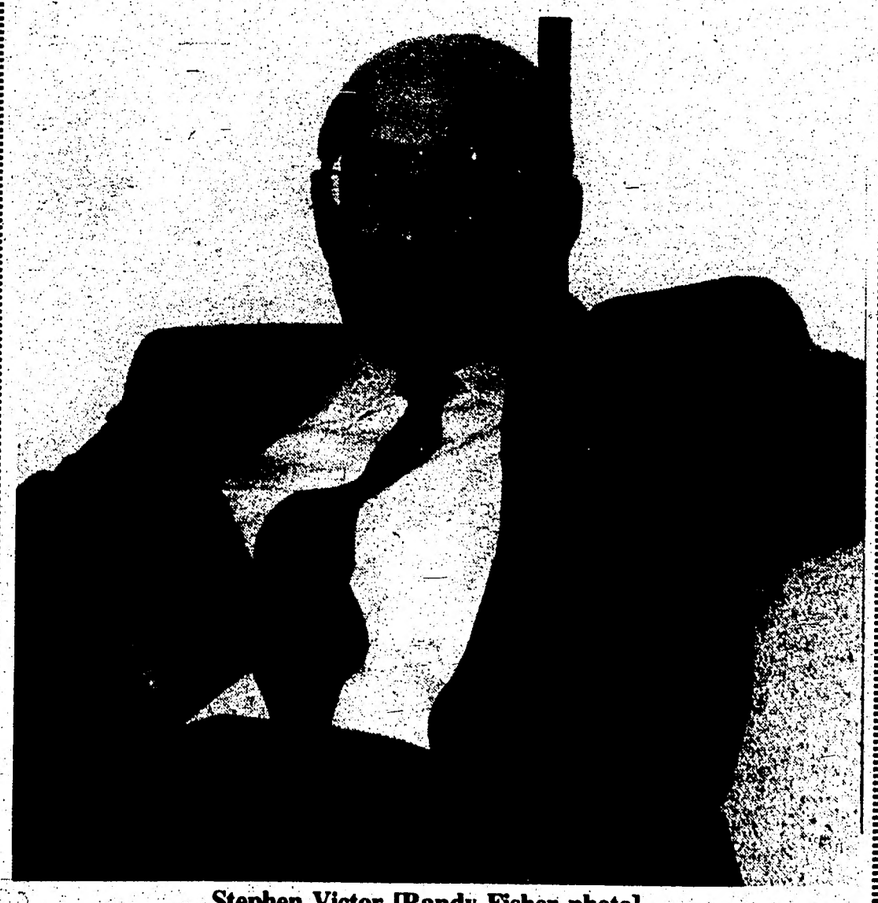
UJA campaign director Neil Silvert hasn't seen any major problems either. "We're still ahead. Our cash flow is good," he said. "There's a high level of commitment here."

Co-chairman of Hadassah-WIZO's winterlude wonderfest A Taste of Chocolate, Miriam Silvert, teacher and professional storyteller, said the exhibit drew 3,500 people and nearly doubled sales (in the low five figures) over last year.

"It was our best year yet," she said. "You wouldn't have known there was a recession."

Silvert feels that the community could have tried harder to come to the event.

"Unfortunately, the Jewish community doesn't support it. The Jewish people who come out are (almost exclusively) Hadassah-WIZO," she said. "That's strange."



Stephen Victor [Randy Fisher photo]

In Calgary:

Shivat Zion campaign a success

CALGARY —

The significance of creating a sense of identification with the central Jewish Federation among all the Jewish agencies and organizations in the community, was underscored recently by Drew Staffenberg, executive director of the Calgary Jewish Community Council (which is the Calgary Federation).

If the Federation is successful in building up this sense of belonging, the various components in the community will "buy into" its activities, and especially into the campaign, to make it work, she said.

Staffenberg spoke at a meeting of federation executives and campaign directors from communities in Western Canada, held in Vancouver at the end of January.

He referred specifically to Calgary's Shivat Zion — Operation Exodus campaign 1990, which raised $1.6 million for Exodus on top of $1.5 million for the regular UJA campaign. The result for the regular campaign alone was 17.5 per cent higher then the previous year.

For a community the size of Calgary, with about 5,000 Jews, this was undoubtedly an outstanding result, and a fine starting point for this year's campaign, which will be launched in the next few weeks. Calgary is the only community in Canada which runs a UJA campaign in the spring.

Staffenberg said it took two to three years to get the message across that the Federation is actively seeking the involvement of all agencies, their board members and workers. Gradually, through a process of communicating "ventilation," in which people could express what was bothering them, a sense of networking was established, creating the necessary support.

"I regard the campaign as a barometer of how the community feels about itself," Staffenberg said. "It's not just raising dollars."

The community, including its agencies, endorsed the special Shivat Zion campaign because they realized the needs of the massive Soviet aliya, but also because they understood that it would expand the campaign's overall base into the future, which will benefit them as well in the long run. This created a "win-win" situation.

Lesley Jacobson, Calgary's resource development director, provided further information on the Shivat Zion campaign. She wrote:

"Hal Joffe, then president of the Calgary Jewish Community Council, set the ball rolling in two ways. First he recruited a super-dynamic UJA campaign leadership team combining dedication to the community, leadership ability and youth. Together with his professional staff, Joffe drafted a resolution which affirmed Calgary's support for the massive Soviet aliya to Israel."

The resolution stated: "Be it resolved that we seize this historic opportunity to assist in the immigration and absorption (klitah) in Israel of the Jews of the Soviet Union and Ethiopia; and be it further resolved that in order to achieve these ends the UJA campaign be charged with the responsibility of raising Calgary Jewry's fair share required by the state of Israel at this historical moment, while at the same time continuing to meet our local, national and other international needs."

Calgary's Shivat Zion—Operation Exodus campaign was a success for that community of about 5,000 Jews. From left are campaign chairmen, Larry Martin, Faith Riback, and David Martin.

Jacobson observed: "As a method of building community consensus, the resolution was first presented to the Federation executive, which approved it unanimously. It was then presented to the boards of every constituent agency who gave their support. Finally, the resolution was unanimously endorsed by the Federation's board of directors.

"Every constituent agency was invited to join the community fact finding mission which travelled to Israel in March. Led by veteran leader Joe Spier, the mission comprised participants from divergent community institutions, all of whom actively participated in the campaign upon their return.

"In January," Jacobson stated, "our new campaign leadership took over. Faith Riback and brothers David and Larry Martin developed campaign cabinets that reached into every level of the community, including past leaders.

"Community leadership adopted the concept of Operation Exodus but felt that something more was part of it: the return to the Jewish homeland, as expressed in Israel's Declaration of Independence.

"Consequently, we adjusted the Exodus logo to reflect our personal concept of it. Thus was born our Shivat Zion/Operation Exodus logo, and it soon became synonymous with every CJCC letter and publication.

"The week after Pesach, Calgary inaugurated its 1990 UJA campaign by conducting a Freedom Seder. A special Haggadah was written to reflect this modern exodus. A special surprise had been planned for after the festive meal. The video presentation *Anna and Lena* was projected onto large screens, and at its conclusion the diminutive Lena Kuna, a Soviet immigrant to Israel, stepped to the podium. People were moved to tears. Two thirds of our $3 million plus campaign was pledged that evening.

"To maintain momentum, mailings of our Shivat Zion Update provided information regarding this aliya which were not available through the general media. As well, a large portion of our montly newsletter, Dor L'Dor, was, and still is, devoted to Shivat Zion.

"Super Sunday, under the directorship of Lou Bracey, was successful as never before. Faith, David and Larry maintained high profiles whenever and wherever Calgary Jews met. Nobody was ignored, everyone was listened to. To celebrate this enthusiasm, a Campaign '90 booklet was produced, under the talented direction of Marilyn Sheftel."

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New CIC chairman under fire from Quebec wing

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Canada-Israel Committee last week named its new chairman, Daniel Pekarsky, amid a swirl of controversy and criticism from the organization's Quebec wing.

Pekarsky was elected chairman in a 6-1 vote of representatives of the group's constituent organizations on Feb. 23, and the formal announcement of his election was made at last week's national meetings in Ottawa.

Thomas Hecht, chairman of the CIC's Quebec Region and one of the losing candidates in the balloting for national chairman, said he would have "difficulty, as any person would have difficulty, serving under someone unknown to me who is unknown to the Jewish community and has not been involved in the Israel-advocacy programs of the CIC.

"I would like to know more, the Canadian community would like to know more, about Mr. Pekarsky's feelings, what his policies are, how he intends to interface with the various constituencies of the CIC."

Hecht said he was now engaged in a "cordial and businesslike" dialogue with Pekarsky on specific areas of CIC policy and concerns, but he voiced criticism of the election process itself, questioning whether some delegates changed their votes, contrary to instructions from the organizations they represented.

He also questioned why outgoing chairman Sidney Spivak would be entitled to vote along with the six groups who back the CIC — Canadian Jewish Congress (which voted for Hecht), B'nai Brith Canada, the Canadian Zionist Federation, the United Israel Appeal, Toronto Jewish Congress and Allied Jewish Community Services of Montreal.

In a telephone interview with The CJN, Pekarsky said he had no role in determining the voting process. But he said he had been involved in Jewish community endeavors all his life.

A native of Edmonton, Pekarsky, 53, moved to Vancouver in 1979. He served as chairman of the United Jewish Appeal campaign in the west coast city for two years and as president of the local federation for two years. He said he has also held various roles in UIA, the Council of Jewish Federations and the National Budgeting Conference.

Pekarsky said he had been approached by "several prominent people active in Canadian Jewish life from a number of cities" who urged him to contest the chairmanship position.

Pekarsky said as chairman he would give high priority to implementing a "better, crisper definition to what the CIC is and what its mandate is, so that it's clear on Canada-Israel relations the Canadian community is speaking with a single identifiable voice."

Failure to do so could lead to a loss of credibility, he added.

Pekarsky, who is president and CEO of Rothschild (Canada) Corp., said he would return to Vancouver to develop a game plan on his views of the CIC's future. One of the first items on his agenda, which reflects his "management style," is to set up a workshop and meeting of the new board for a discussion of the issues of priority, planning and policy for the CIC.

"The CIC is not a one-man show. It is a co-operative effort," and therefore you need a forum where people can meet, he said.

The CIC had been plagued in recent years with what appeared to be a loss of relevance as some of its constituent groups publicly voiced opinions on Canada-Israel relations — a task for which the CIC had been created.

The high profile taken primarily by CJC and BB led to a study of the CIC by Toronto lawyer Donald Carr. A subsequent report by Stephen Lipper of AJCS recommended structural changes to the organizaton, which the constituent groups recently accepted.

The groups agreed that Congress, BB, UIA and CZF would have three representatives each on the CIC board and that each will allocate one of those seats to representatives from outside the Toronto/Montreal areas.

TJC and AJCS also have three board seats and under terms of the gentleman's agreement among the organizations, they would consider allocating some of their seats to others who are unaffiliated with either group.

Four ad personam appointees would round out the board.

The directors would choose five national officers — a chairman, two vice-chairmen, a treasurer and the immediate past chairman — and they, along with six other appointees would constitute the CIC's executive committee.

The groups have agreed that they would endeavor to reach consensus on issues facing the CIC, but that if not, a two-thirds vote by the board would bind the groups, Pekarsky said.

The nominating committee, under the chairmanship of Toronto's Herb Rosenfeld, consisted of represenatives of the six constituent organizations plus Spivak.

Rosenfeld said all partners of the CIC had agreed on the election process for chairman as well as its timing prior to last week's parliamentary dinner.

Nominations were solicited from across the country. "The process was above board. Everyone had full knowledge. I was accessible," Rosenfeld said.

AJCS executive director John Fishel said the apparent disagreement between the Quebec wing and the national CIC is a cause for concern, but he hoped that within a short time, those differences could be bridged.

The differences are not insurmountable, he said. He suggested putting them behind so that CIC could concentrate on strong advocacy for Israel.

Milo stress need for self-reliance

By RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —

Israeli Minister of Police Ronnie Milo came to the Canada-Israel Committee's annual parliamentary dinner to deliver a simple yet unmistakable message: self-reliance is the key to Israel's survival in a volatile Middle East.

Israel should not have to depend on God or coalition forces to guarantee its safety and security, he said.

Cowering in sealed rooms awaiting Iraqi Scud missile attacks did not sit well with Milo and fellow Israelis used to fighting back, he said, relating a poignant story of a missile landing a block from his home in Tel Aviv at 2 a.m. "We didn't even know that night what kind of attack it was," he said — chemical or conventional.

In nearly 43 years, Israel has never known this kind of warfare, Milo said. "This was a war of the civil population of our country."

If one lesson can be drawn from the history of the Jewish people it is that "we can rely upon ourselves, upon our ability to defend our people, our children, our babies in our country and homeland — the land of Israel," he said to loud applause from the 1,500 dinner-goers.

This lesson is at the forefront and should serve as a reminder and a guide in all negotiations — present and future, he said.

Milo relayed a conversation during consultations with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. "He told me that according to history nobody should tell Israel what to do concerning the future of the country because only the Israelis can decide for themselves what is needed for the security and strength and the future of our country."

An MK since 1977, Milo is Israel's equivalent to Canada's solicitor general. A rising member of Likud's young guard, the 42-year old minister was sent by Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Shamir, who was scheduled to attend but had to opt out due to an unforeseen meeting "of utmost importance"

Ronnie Milo

with U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, said Israeli Ambassador to Canada Itzhak Shelef.

The U.S.-led peace push is now on and momentum is building. "There is a very good chance in the Middle East to go forward toward peace," thanks to stronger U.S. influence in the region and sway over Arab coalition partners particularly Saudi Arabia and Syria, said Milo.

It is to be hoped that the United States can convince them to recognize the state of Israel, to start negotiating directly and to live in peace — or relative peace — together, he said. (Israel's May 1989 peace plan is a starting point, Milo added.)

Half of the peace in the Middle East has already been achieved, he said. "Our 50 per cent. If we should have the 50 per cent of the Arab side we can reach 100 per cent for peace in the Middle East."

Milo praised the peace treaty with Egypt and lamented the behavior of other Arab states which refuse to recognize Israel and end a continual state of war. And he questioned their refusal to negotiate, citing the example of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Milo attacked the role of the PLO and Yasser Arafat's alliance with Iraq's Saddam Hussein, and thanked God that "more countries in the world (now) understand that the PLO should not be any kind of partner for any kind of peace process in the Middle East because they don't want peace."

His voice rising before an appreciative audience, he said: "They want the destruction of the state of Israel."

Copps scores points at convention

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ed they will have to live with the consequences," she added in an interview after her speech.

Atlantic Jewish Community Council chairman Lee Cohen thought she answered that question poorly. "I don't believe she had decided in her mind how she was going to answer it," he said.

"She didn't want to antagonize. I thought her ambivalence came through loud and clear."

While Copps reiterated her party's longstanding commitment to Israel and her security, there were some moans in the audience when she declared that "for over four decades, the Liberals have stood shoulder to shoulder with the people of Israel." The moans were in retaliation for the Liberals initial reluctance to go to war against Saddam Hussein.

Copps called for a variety of confidence-building measures including using the UN as a vehicle for peace, and limiting the arms trade, especially biological and chemical weapons. In addition to the superpower negotiations in Geneva, "Israel and all nations should consider signing the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty," she said.

Asked about the potential for democracy in Arab states, Copp replied that was her toughest question so far. It must not be imposed from the outside; it must come from within, she said. Undoubtedly, the road to democracy will be accelerated by exposure to modern telecommunications and the microchip, she said.

"Marshall McLuhan was right."

Copps alluded to the open window of opportunity for peace in the region. "We have some real chance for movement in the post-war period and we should take advantage of it," she said.

"I don't want to see us kill that off, because if we do, in the long run, the consequences are going to be much worse for the capacity of Israel to be safe and secure."

Said Robert Freedman, the executive director of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council: "I think it's a pragmatic approach intended to keep options open."

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NDP leader addresses CIC policy conference

McLaughlin praised, slammed for Mideast position

By
RANDY FISHER

OTTAWA —
Audrey McLaughlin will probably tell you that sparks tend to fly in Question Period. Last week, at the CIC policy conference, she discovered it was no different. Especially when it comes to Jerusalem.

"The murder of the four women in Israel standing at the bus stop, I think, brought home the image so clearly to me what it must be like to simply go to take the bus and know that your lives might be at risk," said the NDP leader in response to a question from the floor.

"I know that many Israelis have that feeling, speaking to many others that Palestinians feel that way, and other Arabs feel that way," she said to loud moans and from the audience.

Recovering from her foray into sensitive territory, she said she was perhaps not being clear enough. "I was extremely touched by that, by the lack of security and horrible tragedy that people have to live with every day," she said. "That simply all I'm trying to say."

Brian Morris, B'nai Brith's chairman of international affairs, forgave the slip, attributing it to nervousness. "She came here with the feeling that she was going into an enemy camp."

But, "she did appear to be unaware of the centrality of Jerusalem to Israel. That was clear."

Still, Morris thought there was potential for the Jewish community and the NDP to work together. Unlike Joe Clark, she is malleable, he said.

"I found her to be more open than the NDP really is. I have a feeling she will listen," he said.

"What you saw here was a first meeting with the Jewish community and a feeling out of positions. The lines have not formed."

Canadian Jewish Congress national chairman, Moshe Ronen said: "She didn't sway any minds, but she did correct the perception of the party as somewhat more balanced."

McLaughlin reiterated her party's stated support for Israel and her hope for its territorial integrity and security. "There should be absolutely no doubt for anyone in this room, of the commitment of the NDP to the State of Israel and to the fundamental right of Israel to exist within secure borders without any threat of attack from her neighbors," she said, receiving vigorous applause.

War is not the answer to the Middle East's problems, said McLaughlin. Rather, "real dialogue is crucial and beneficial." She underlined NDP support for UN resolution 242, and acknowledged the "frustration of the Palestinian people" in the context of a secure Israel.

"We recognize that the resolution of Palestinian self-determination can only come about at the same time as Arab nations explicitly recognize the right of Israel to exist and agree to nonagression towards Israel," she said.

Human rights were also on McLaughlin's agenda. "When we speak about human rights of Palestinians we must also equally strongly speak about the human rights abuses in Syria and in other countries," she said.

McLaughlin said that world support had diminished for the PLO's Yasser Arafat in the wake of his alliance with Saddam Hussein, and the PLO's credibility had been severely tarnished.

Nevertheless, "it seems clear that many Palestinians still look and accept the PLO as their representative," she said, not taking the statement to its logical conclusion: that Palestinians must be prepared to accept the consequences of the leadership they choose.

McLaughlin gave credit to the United States for trying to kickstart the Middle East peace process. She said her support would continue as long as the United States would facilitate dialogue between the Arab and Israeli camps and not impose its will. "There is a real window of opportunity," she said.

The NDP leader pointed to the overall community of similar experience. Using the unprecedented example of Israeli mothers outfitting their children with gas masks as their Saudi Arabian counterparts did, McLaughlin said: "There is much greater sensitivity and a human face on the issues that now face us all: the concept of common security.

"Any one nation cannot build its security based on the insecurity of others. Nations of the Middle East should work towards common security." McLaughlin paid tribute to former Israeli prime minister Golda Meir as a "very very important role model."

Anne Gross, past president of the CIC, called on McLaughlin to rethink her party's perspective on Israel and its Arab neighbors. "I want you to take a trip to Israel and see everything for yourself," she said in her introductory remarks.

"If you cannot change the baggage this morning, I know you will in the future," she said.

Audrey McLaughlin (left) with Sheila Copps.

Potential for peace exists, McDougall tells CIC meet

OTTAWA —
Articulating Canada's foreign policy in the Middle East, Barbara McDougall sought the high ground at the CIC policy conference in defending the Canada-Israel relationship.

"Canada has been and will continue to be an unalienable friend to Israel," said the employment and immigration minister.

There is a special opportunity to to move towards peace now in the region, she said. The moment must be grasped. "This is clearly a very serious time for all of us," she said.

Barbara McDougall was a last-minute stand-in for the anxiously awaited External Affairs Minister Joe Clark.

He had given an "ironclad commitment that was broken only because of the meeting in Teheran," said Simon Kahn, the CIC's director of public affairs. "There goes the thrilling cathartic moment of the conference," Kahn said at a press conference.

"Personally, I think Barbara McDougall was chosen very deliberately. She's a very good friend of Israel, and the fact that she is a woman, when [the government] knew there would be two women [was] a deciding factor," said Dale Boidman, an officer of the women's division of Allied Jewish Community Services in Montreal.

Barbara McDougall

Israel is at the forefront of the peace process, said McDougall. "Israel is prepared to undergo enormous sacrifice," she said, implying that the onus of concessions shouldn't be entirely upon the Jewish state.

"Israel has shown its willingness time and again to make peace."

But, "restraint must be the watchword" in deliberately crafting together a durable and secure peace for all states in the region, she said. "It could be argued that Israel's peace is ultimately in its own hands, McDougall said.

"Israel should not be absent from the post-hostilities plan," she added.

McDougall saluted the secretary of state for external affairs who, she said, has "worked tirelessly" on behalf of peace in the Middle East. (This brought some laughter from the audience.)

She also commended the prime minister's decision to send troops to the Middle East and the performance of Canada's defence forces.

"I don't think we could have made a stronger statement of our belief," she said.

Still, Boidman wasn't thoroughly convinced by McDougall's speech.

"There's still no clarification in terms of government policy in the Middle East. Joe Clark is still running around the world making statements. She didn't clarify it," she said.

— R.F.

Israel willing to discuss issues with Syria: Olmert

[Cont'd. from page 1]

Olmert made clear what it meant "by proper Palestinian representatives." He said the Jewish state would not talk to the Palestine Liberation Organization, which, he claimed, does not "belong to the mainstream of history in our part of the world."

At the same time, though, he acknowledged that "one of the most important problems for the Middle East is the Palestinians."

Israel needs to achieve an "interim agreement for autonomy for the Palestinian people with a delegation, with a leadership that will have the courage to represent the inhabitants of Judea, Samaria and Gaza," he said, referring to the territories.

Olmert appeared to challenge directly those who have charged the Israeli government is dragging its feet on reaching a settlement with the Palestinians.

"Israel has no purpose for stalling this process," he said. "Israel has no desire of stretching the time now in all kinds of preliminary inquiries or examinations that will lead nowhere."

At the same time, though, the world now recognizes that the Palestinian problem is not the biggest obstacle to peace in the Middle East, Olmert said.

The war in the Persian Gulf, he said, has made the world "aware of the enormous danger lying in the existence of terrorist states, dictators and non-democratic governments in our part of the world."

Praising the allied war effort against Iraq, Olmert expressed Israel's "great admiration and support for the enormous courage of the American political and military leadership that carried out this effort.

"We certainly convey our warmest greetings to the servicemen from this great country and from the allied forces," he said.

"We are looking forward to continue this type of daily intimate co-operation for the mutual benefit of the Israeli and American people," he said.

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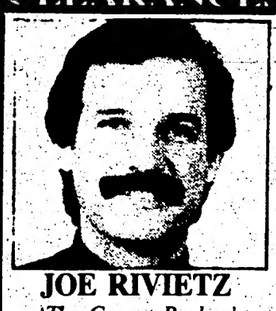

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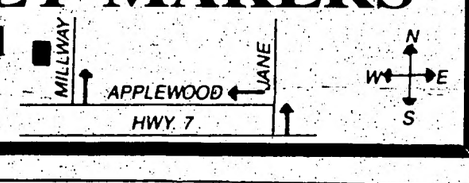

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Toronto sisters killed in car crash on Israeli highway

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
A letter from Israel arrived at the Amoch family's residence in Thornhill early last week.

It was a touching letter, said Rabbi Akiva Stefansky. In it, 21-year-old Gila Amoch wrote her mother, Felicity, how deeply impressed she was by her religious growth in Israel.

In lovely, poetic language she described how, by casting her gaze on the Judean Hills, real meaning was given to her studies in Jerusalem.

The letter, ironically, arrived just one day after Gila, and her sister Amy, 18, were killed in a multiple vehicle crash on the main Tel Aviv to Jerusalem highway.

The two were passengers in a sherut taxi when a bus en route to Tel Aviv swerved to avoid a disabled mini-bus parked without lights on the side of the road. Police say the bus then sideswiped a car and crossed the median out of control, hitting the taxi.

Amy had just flown in to Israel and Gila had gone to the Lod airport to pick her up.

News of the accident devastated the girls' mother, said Sara Westreich, speaking for her husband, Rabbi Nossan Westreich. Rabbi Westreich, who directed a youth group of National Conference of Synagogue Youth, of which Gila was a member, travelled to Israel and delivered a eulogy at the funeral.

Gila Amoch

Prior to his departure, Rabbi Westreich and Sara joined numerous friends of the family to show their support for Felicity in the wake of the tragedy. Jack Amoch, the girls' father, travelled to Israel from Britain, where he had gone on business.

"They were very sweet girls," said Chai Cohen, a friend of the family, "They always wanted to help people. They were the sort of people you could talk to really easily."

"The girls had hearts of gold," his wife, Mitzi, added.

Gila had become observant and had travelled to Israel to enroll in a program at Nevei Yerushalayim, a Jewish studies institute for girls, Chai said. That had pleased her parents, who had moved the family from Spain about five years ago so they could raise the daughters in a Jewish environment, he added.

"The mother's whole life was the girls," said Chai. "She came to Canada for them."

The girls had attended the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto for a time and later Amy attended the Bais Yaakov High School. Rabbi Stefansky, school principal, recalls

Amy Amoch

Amy as "a very serious girl who was searching for her own identity."

Rabbi Stefansky, who was shown Gila's last letter to her mother, said the girls were "searching for their roots, their identities. Eventually they found them. They found religion and were in harmony with themselves."

Mitzi Cohen, who visited Felicity before she left for the funeral in Ashdod, said she could see the tremendous love the girls and mother shared. All over the house, on notes stuck to the refrigerator, were expressions of the love they had for each other, she said.

"Felicity said they were her whole life."

Amichai Cymerman, a friend of the girls, recalls Gila as "very outgoing, fun to be with and very artistic. She loved to paint and write poems. She used to try to make peace when two of her friends were arguing.

"Amy was quieter than her sister," he recalled. "Both were fun to be with. Both had a lot of friends."

In fact, four carloads of friends went to the airport to see Amy off. A recent graduate of Langstaff High School, she had planned to attend an ulpan in Israel and perhaps stay a few months longer and attend a post-high school, Jewish studies program, Sara Westreich said.

Torontonian Ruthy Marchand, a classmate of Gila's in Jerusalem, said Gila had become "a very religious, a very spiritual person at Nevei. She just wanted to do good around her. As a friend, she was always there for you."

Travelling from Toronto for the funeral were Reuven Slavinski, Amy's boyfriend, Rabbi Westreich and Diana Boldan, a close friend of the girls.

Eulogies were delivered by Rabbi Westreich, Rabbi Moshe Chalkowksi, one of the principals of Nevei Yerushalayim and Rabbi Pinto, chief rabbi of Ashdod.

A memorial service for the girls will be held in Toronto on a date yet to be determined, Sara Westreich said.

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Negev Dinner to fete Diamond

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —
A leading Vancouver citizen with a reputation as an outstanding fund raiser for a variety of causes, Jack Diamond is the Negev Dinner honoree for Vancouver.

The dinner will be held April 21 at the Four Seasons Hotel. Guest speaker will be Itzhak Shelef, the new Israel ambassador to Canada.

Funds raised from this annual Jewish National Fund event will go towards building 6,000 housing units in Eilat for Soviet olim, said Kami Robinson, JNF emissary for British Columbia and Alberta. The Eilat project is part of the JNF's Operation Promised Land, through which 32,147 homes will be built in 29 Israeli centres at a cost of more than $170 million.

Diamond, born in Galicia in 1909, has lived in Vancouver since 1926. He and his brother built a chain of butcher shops here and then a large wholesale operation. In 1939 he took over Pacific Meat, which became Western Canada's largest independent packing business. He has served on the boards of several major corporations, including Canadian Breweries, Zellers and others.

He was named chairman of the Schara Tzedeck cemetery board in 1940 and has held that post ever since. He led the campaign to build a new synagogue for the Schara Tzedeck congregation and has spearheaded efforts for the United Jewish Appeal, B'nai B'rith, Israel Bonds, the Louis Brier Home, Lubavitch and many other causes.

Diamond has two sons, Charles and Gordon, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren. His wife died last year.

Charles Diamond is chairman of the dinner and Isabel Diamond is the convenor. Ruth Freeman is chairman of the dinner committee; Norman Gold is subscription chairman and Joe Segal is honorary subscription chairman; Judy Mandleman is publicity chairman. Danny Averbach is chairman of the JNF Pacific region.

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Solidarity mission to Israel

Inter-faith group wants peace

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A Canadian churchman on his recent return from Israel, expressed hope that Israelis and Palestinians can come to a peaceful agreement.

Rev. Gordon Nodwell, minister of Deer Park United Church, and past chairman of Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, was a member of an inter-faith solidarity mission to Israel before the ceasefire.

After 14 meetings in Israel with 22 people, including seven Palestinians, Rev. Nodwell said he became convinced that despite great difficulties, there is a chance for a peaceful solution.

Palestinians told him that they recognize Israel's right to exist and for secure borders, he said, and many Israelis recognized that practical compromises must be made.

It was the end of the war that seemed to bring a change in the attitude of some Israelis, he said. "It was quite a timid celebration of Purim which followed the end of the war. It seemed that people realized that it's not over, that some very hard decisions have to be made."

Manuel Prutschi (left), national director of community relations for the Canadian Jewish Congress, and Reverend Hans Skoutajan, past president of the Toronto Conference of the United Church and member of the Church's international affairs committee, intently follow the reading of the Megillah on Purim eve in Jerusalem's Great Synagogue. [Wolf Kutnahorsky photo]

He said a middle-class Jewish community near the border of the West Bank had established good relations with an Arab village before the war but Palestinian support for Saddam Hussein scuttled that project completely and it would be very difficult to revive it.

Rev. Nodwell said Palestinians were not demanding to go back to their original homes in Israel. "They told me, 'We know that is not realistic.' "

Joanne Cothran, vice-president of Discovery Tours, who headed the group, said she felt she was "between two worlds" since the mood in Israel changed so dramatically when the war ended. She said they were able to visit all the quarters of the Old City in Jerusalem, Jewish, Christian and Muslim, even when the war was on.

"What I learned is that the Israeli-Arab conflict is as intractable as ever," said Manuel Prutschi, national director of community relations, Canadian Jewish Congress, a member of the mission.

"At the root of it is the refusal of the Arab world and even elements of the Muslim world to accept the legitimacy of the Jewish state in the region."

Nina Cohen served as Hadassah president

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Nina Cohen, a long-time Jewish communal leader in the Maritimes and a former national president of Hadassah-WIZO of Canada, died at Baycrest Hospital here last week. She was 84.

Cohen served as national president of Hadassah-WIZO from 1960 to 1964 and before that, was national vice-president for six years and president of the Queen Esther chapter in Sydney, N.S.

She led the first Hadassah-WIZO tour to Israel, led the organization's tour there on the Jewish state's 10th anniversary in 1958 and planned Hadassah's 1962 convention in Israel, with over 600 delegates attending.

In 1979, the Nina F. Cohen Atlantic Provinces Day Care Centre was opened in Jerusalem.

In all, Cohen visited Israel at least 15 times, said her son, Stuart Cohen of Toronto.

"She was a wonderful mother," he told The CJN. "She was many things to many people ... a woman of the world."

Born in Glace Bay, N.S. in 1907, the former Nina Fried was educated at Mount Allison Ladies College, where she studied music and art. In 1967, she received an honorary doctorate degree from her alma mater.

Active in CJC program

Following the Second World War, Cohen became active in Canadian Jewish Congress's orphan placement service. She was responsible for the placement of 14 war orphans and personally adopted two Polish orphans, Joseph and Sigmund Gruber.

She was active in a myriad of civic causes on Cape Breton, including the Cancer Society, the March of Dimes and the Polio Foundation.

She was also involved with the Cape Breton Jewish Community Council, the Combined Jewish Appeal and the National Council of Jewish Women, where she chaired the migration and immigration committee.

From 1960 to 1962, she published and wrote for *Orah*, Hadassah's organizational magazine.

In 1962, she was made a governor of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and she received HU's Medal of Service in 1970.

In 1967, Cohen was inducted into the Order of Canada.

She was predeceased by her husband, Harry, who died in 1978. The couple made their home in Sydney.

Cohen is listed in Canada's *Who's Who* and in *Who's Who in Canadian Jewry*.

She was buried next to her husband in Montreal.

Cohen is survived by her son, Stuart; her foster son, Joseph Gruber; a daughter-in-law, Paula Cohen, and two grandchildren.

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Luitjens decision expected soon

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

Canadian Jewish Congress, which has been waiting for almost two years for a court decision on the denaturalization of a convicted Nazi collaborator who lives in Vancouver, may soon have an answer.

Jacob Luitjens, 72, a retired botany professor at the University of British Columbia, convicted in absentia by a Dutch court in 1948 for collaborating with the Nazis during the Second World War, successfully fought off extradition from Canada on the grounds that the crime he was convicted for was not an extraditable offence under a treaty which existed between Holland and Canada.

The Canadian justice department tried to get him denaturalized because he misled Canadian officials when he moved here from Paraguay in 1961. But Federal Court Judge Frank Collier, who heard the case, has not yet given a decision, even though the 10-week hearing was held in 1989.

However, Holland and Canada have rewritten the original extradition treaty, written in 1898, and now have a new treaty which drops the list of offences and states that extradition can occur on the "basis of conduct that is criminal in both countries."

Erwin Nest, executive director of the Pacific region of Congress, said the case has been closely followed by Congress and that Congress helped witnesses who had been brought there from all parts of the world. "We're looking forward to an early resolution of the case," he said.

Teens sentenced for attacking Jews

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Five teenagers convicted of assaulting Chassidic Jews in Outremont last October were sentenced in juvenile court to 35 hours of community work in the Iberville area where they live, plus seven hours getting to know the Jewish community and a one-year probation.

Before handing down the sentence, Judge Roland Beauchemin admonished the boys, aged 16 and 17, for behavior unacceptable in "a free and welcoming" society such as Quebec and Canada, "where we are trying to build a multicultural country." He said their actions made him "not very proud of our youth."

The sentence was what had been recommended by Crown prosecutor Sylvie Lagace, except that Beauchemin reduced the community service to 35 from 40 hours. The youths pleaded guilty and no trial was held.

The youths' lawyer Bertrand St. Arnaud did not argue with the recommendation, but did tell the judge to consider that the boys — all francophones — were from outside Montreal and not familiar with other cultural groups. He also noted that they had no previous record and were not connected with any racist organizations, and had expressed regret at what they had done.

He said they had drunk beer before they left home and, being in a group, their emotions escalated after they at first began calling the Chassidim names.

He added that they are high school students and hope to enter CEGEP next year.

Details of the youths' seven-hour day with the Jewish community are being discussed between the probation officer and the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and B'nai Brith.

Judge Beauchemin said he hoped their time in the Jewish community would "change (their) mentality" in order that they can learn "to respect all citizens regardless of their nationality or religion."

B'nai Brith regional director Yechiel Glustein said the youths will probably visit the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre and a synagogue, and meet with a rabbi, and perhaps Jewish youth.

BB favors extradition in war crimes cases

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Implementation of a new extradition treaty between Canada and Holland would be a welcome addition in the arsenal of war criminal prosecutors, said spokesmen for Jewish organizations, but they warned that it does not necessarily mean a disposition in the Jacob Luitjens case is at hand.

"Extradition is the best remedy" for suspected Nazi war criminals, said David Matas, senior counsel for B'nai Brith Canada.

"It gets the person back to where the crimes were committed, where the incentive and the ability and the commitment to try the case are highest," he said.

Simon Wiesenthal Centre representative Sol Littman, who has been skeptical of the commitment of Canadian authorities to prosecute Nazi war criminals, said Holland has been asking for Luitjens' extradition for five years. "The real shame of it is that it took the Canadian government so long to renegotiate the treaty."

According to Peter Kremer, head of the Justice Department's war crimes unit, Canada has not yet received an official request for Luitjens' extradition. He believes that although the treaty has been passed by the Dutch parliament, it has not yet been ratified by the two countries in a formal signing process.

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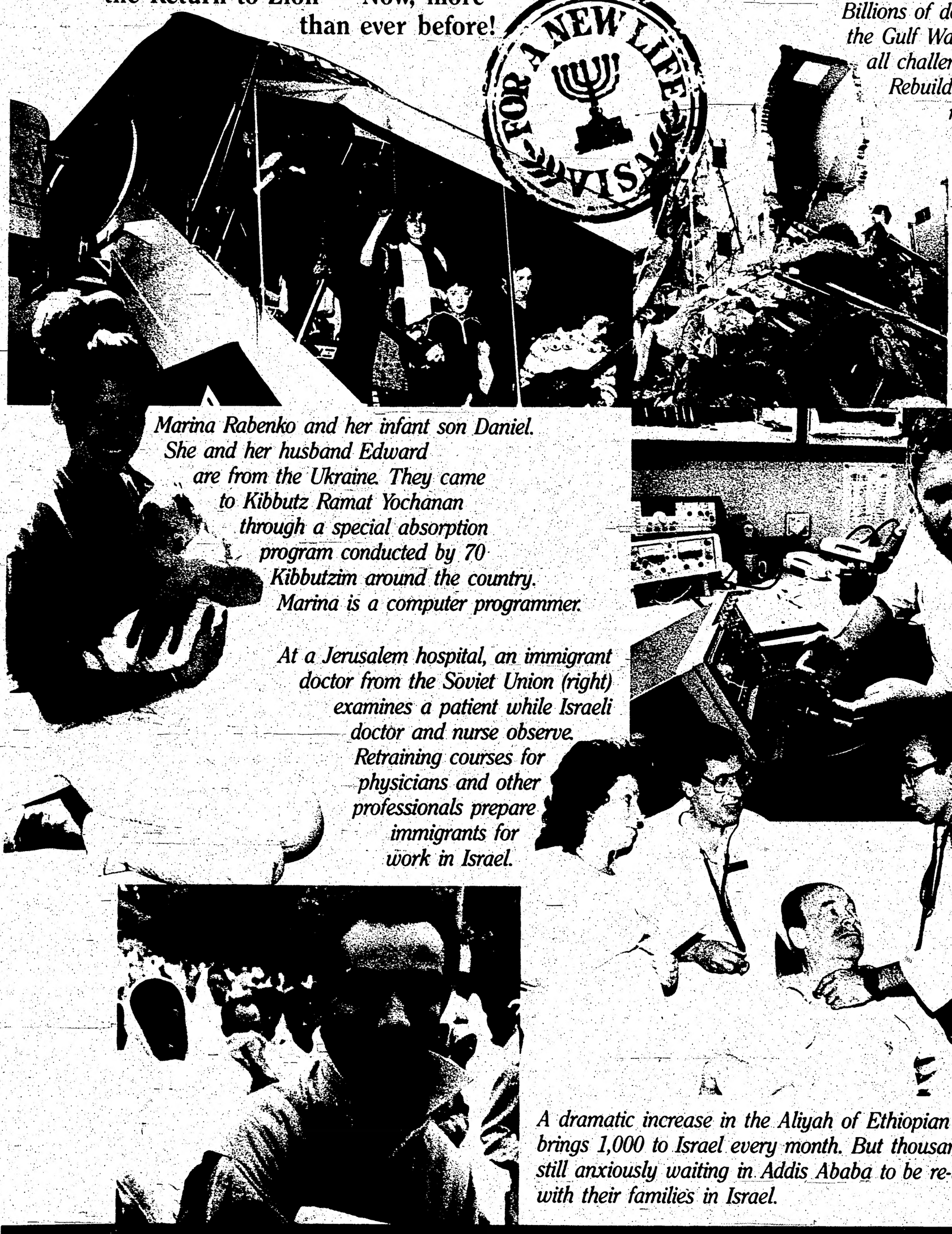

Marina Rabenko and her infant son Daniel. She and her husband Edward are from the Ukraine. They came to Kibbutz Ramat Yochanan through a special absorption program conducted by 70 Kibbutzim around the country. Marina is a computer programmer.

The tremendous damage caused by Iraqi Scud missiles is being repaired. Billions of dollars were lost due to the Gulf War. Israelis must handle all challenges at the same time: Rebuild, and absorb the huge number of immigrants.

Dr. Felix Kochubievsky (right) and Yaacov Katz, two immigrant scientists, at work at "Satech" in Jerusalem, an innovative research and development firm where Soviet Jews are organizing their own job opportunities.

At a Jerusalem hospital, an immigrant doctor from the Soviet Union (right) examines a patient while Israeli doctor and nurse observe. Retraining courses for physicians and other professionals prepare immigrants for work in Israel.

A dramatic increase in the Aliyah of Ethiopian Jews brings 1,000 to Israel every month. But thousands are still anxiously waiting in Addis Ababa to be re-united with their families in Israel.

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OPERATION EXODUS

Soviet Jewry

Members of Beth Tikvah Synagogue, Richmond, B.C., United Synagogue Youth and Hebrew High School pack a shipment for Project Clothesline for new Soviet olim. From left are Tami Ross, Kyle Berger, Leanne Hazon, Tami Kahn, Rachel Harowitz, Amir Amozig, Naomi Hazon, Laura Jonasson, Cara Levitt, Aaron Franks and Michelle Jampolsky.

Teens send clothing to Israel

By
MAURICE LUCOW

RICHMOND, B.C. –

Ninety-eight boxes of clothing are on the way to Israel for Soviet-Olim, thanks to the efforts of a group of teenagers who make up the first West Coast chapter of Project Clothesline.

Project Clothesline originated in Toronto to gather used wearing apparel in good condition to send to the new immigrants to Israel who are only allowed to take two suitcases with them plus no more than $200 each.

Joan Freeman Cohen, who teaches at Beth Tikvah Synagogue Hebrew High School, says she wanted to involve the students in Operation Exodus "to make them part of this historic happening now in the making. I was also looking for a tzedakah project that would truly emphasize the meaning of giving to the needy."

Cohen said she read a story in The Canadian Jewish News about Project Clothesline and decided this was the focus she was seeking. She called Toronto about it, got the information she needed and together with Rachel Harowitz, Beth Tikvah's USY social action/Tikkun Olam chairman, launched the local chapter.

They combined the 45 Hebrew High students with members of the United Synagogue Youth and kicked off the campaign for clothes by inviting Renee Bellas, a long-time activist on behalf of the Jews of the Soviet Union, to speak to them on the importance of Operation Exodus in the scheme of modern Jewish history.

Bellas, a member of the Canadian Jewish Congress Soviet Jewry Committee, told the group about the problems faced by the olim and their need for clothing and "the response by the kids was amazing."

Cohen and Harowitz said the teenagers embarked on a vigorous publicity campaign within the Beth Tikvah community. The pre-school, Hebrew school, sisterhood, seniors' groups and other in-house clubs and committees were all pressed to donate apparel to the campaign. to donate apparel to the campaign.

The response was so enthusiastic that one boy, Jory Berger, even incorporated Project Clothesline into his bar mitzvah. He enclosed a note with the invitations requesting that guests participate by offering a gift of used or new clothes.

Refuseniks still waiting to leave

NEW YORK –

Despite the record number of Jews emigrating from the Soviet Union, some 600 families of Soviet Jews are still listed as Refuseniks. One third of them have been offered no reason by Soviet authorities for the denial of permission to emigrate, no less than 175 families were refused in 1990 and 38 families have been in refusal for over 10 years, according to the January list of the Joint Union of Councils for Soviet Jews-Moscow bureau on emigration, human rights, and rule of law.

"There has been no radical change in the Soviet emigration policy," said Inna Arolovich, spokeswoman for the American Association of Russian Jews.

"For Soviet citizens the right to emigrate has remained a privilege. They still have to ask for permission to leave, and this request is far from being granted routinely. The arbitrary nature of the Soviet authorities regarding permission to emigrate continues. Numerous promises by the Soviet government have turned out to be lies in an attempt to mislead the West.

"The most recent version of the Rules for Exit from the U.S.S.R. and Entrance into the U.S.S.R. of Nov. 22, 1990, which has been under discussion in the Supreme Soviet (Parliament) for at least two years would bring new obstacles in the path of emigration.

"This version violates the principle of free emigration, since it effectively bars emigration of young males from the age of 16 to 27 who are subject to military service, and provides unlimited extension of the five-year term of refusal on the grounds of state secrecy. Adoption of such a so-called 'Law' would almost stop Jewish emigration from the U.S.S.R. by making violations of the human right to emigrate legal," according to the Association.

Arolovich made her remarks at a February meeting of the New York Chapter of the American Association of Russian Jews. The meeting of former long-time Refuseniks and relatives of those who are in refusal now was called to discuss the dangerous trend in the Soviet emigration policy.

Since the beginning of this year, the emigration situation has worsened with the U.S.S.R.'s apparent sliding into a dictatorship. Some kind of martial law has been introduced in almost 500 cities.

The length of time for consideration of applications for permission to leave is significantly prolonged and the number of refusals has surged. Some local visa offices (OVIR) have introduced quotas for the number of applications taken.

After an almost two-year intermission, people have again been refused with no reason given. This dangerous trend raises a fear for the continuation of Jewish emigration.

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Front Line

Concern for moral perfection may hurt fellow Jews

ANALYSIS

By
RUTH WISSE

Got's straptche is what Yiddish calls the person who monitors his fellow's conscience. Jews recognize that they are expected to be their brothers' keepers. They know they are obliged to assume responsibility for one another.

But "God's attorneys" (*Got's straptches*) are those holier-than-thou's who care less for the protection of their fellow creatures than for the supervision of their souls.

The type is by no means unique to the Jews. Pecksniff, the unctuous hypocrite of Charles Dickens' novel *Martin Chuzzlewit*, gave his name to the term pecksniffery, that is meddling malice that speaks in the language of piety. Moliere's Tartuffe is the very model of the man who can accomplish the greatest mischief by affecting the pose of the zealot. Every civilization that upholds standards of right conduct will breed a certain number of phoney defenders of the faith. The more convinced they are of their own sincerity, the more dangerous they can be.

But the type is especially problematical among the Jews, because of the number of nations and peoples that have undertaken to patrol the Jewish conscience and to punish the Jews for their perceived iniquities. As we know from both history and current affairs, the Jews are frequently honored as the inventors, the embodiment, and the chief practitioners of all forms of corruption, from capitalism to communism, from deicide to world conquest.

When the Jewish state was created in 1948, the same international concern for Jewish conduct was extended to Israel, turning it into what Saul Bellow called the moral resort area of the world.

Ruth R. Wisse

So the Jew who monitors his brother's conscience is in very strong company, much stronger than the company of his fellow Jews. Given the choice between defending a people under siege and joining the chorus of condemnation, no wonder so many clever Jews develop strategies of conscientious objection. They congratulate themselves for attacking their fellow Jews in the name of struggling for a purer world.

The *Got's straptche* is a vigilante with a vengeance. Perhaps a single example will help to define the type: No sooner had the Iraqis withdrawn from Kuwait, than New York Times columnist Anthony Lewis, the perfect specimen of Jewish pecksniffery, drew the attention of his readers back to the truly serious problem of the Middle East — Israel's abuse of a Palestinian Arab. Mr. Lewis discovered the case of a Palestinian journalist who had been arrested by the military authorities in Gaza for "giving aid to an enemy organization." According to this account, the journalist in question had been falsely imprisoned for doing no more than what journalists routinely do, and for what Israeli and other journalists had also been doing. Mr. Lewis dramatized the issue as proof of Israeli injustice, and a warning to the American government that "[t]he present Government of Israel has no interest in a meaningful dialogue" with Palestinian Arabs.

This latest denunciation follows a standard pattern. An Arab is shown being victimized by a Jewish nation that claims to be applying the rule of law, that claims to be democratic, that claims to be interested in peace; the case unearthed by Mr. Lewis supposedly proves the falseness of these claims. The prosecutor presents himself as the true moral guide, the voice of godly Israel, whose concern for perfect justice will not be diverted by any chauvinistic anxieties for Jewish safety. He considers references to the safety of citizens a mere excuse by Israel for camouflaging its crimes.

A prosecutor as dedicated as Mr. Lewis is sometimes overly zealous. Not long ago, for example, he represented Shawan Jabarin as an innocent "civil rights advocate," "falsely" arrested on suspicion of blowing up a bus. Jabarin turned out to be a senior member of the Palestinian Front for the Liberation of Palestine that seeks the establishment of a Palestinian state through the obligation of Israel.

But Mr. Lewis does not take seriously the threat to Israel's security. He only fears, and alerts friends of Israel to, the grave consequences that will ensue should they "continue to keep silent" about the mortal danger to its soul.

Now, all of this is the stuff of Dickens and Moliere. Were Mr. Lewis truly interested in democracy, freedom of the press, or justice, he would be prosecuting Arab society for its failure to promote them. To worry about Israel's intolerance in the context of the Middle East is the moral equivalent of concern for Donald Trump's homelessness in the streets of New York.

And were Mr. Lewis truly concerned about the Jews, he would be prosecuting Arab societies for having fashioned the State of Israel into the organizing target of their hatred. The cumulative effect of Arab boycott, isolation, terrorism, and military aggression have oppressed every man, woman, and child in Israel for three generations, and have helped to demoralize Jews all over the world. If Jewish morale and morality are failing, Arab enmity is the chief cause of the failure, and the proliferation of prosecutors like Anthony Lewis its saddest proof.

Yiddish expressed scathing contempt for *Got's straptches* who betrayed both the cause of justice and the safety of the Jews. Unfortunately, although the term may have faded from memory, its prototype is bolder than ever.

OPINION

Past must not be ignored in seeking a future peace

By
ALOUPH HAREVEN

The common wisdom these days is that after the Gulf War there will be a new Middle East. There is already talk of an Arab coalition to ensure peace and security in the Gulf. Simultaneously, there is some initial thinking about a package deal which would bring peace between Israel and Arab countries — with progress toward a solution of the Palestinian problem — possibly based on Israel's peace initiative of 1989.

Political, strategic and territorial considerations converge together in the quest for a new order in the Middle East. But before the nations of the region proceed on the tortuous road of negotiations, now is the appropriate juncture at which we all owe ourselves a historical accounting.

What we mean by this term is that over the past 25 years — since before the Six Day War — the nations of the Middle East have become addicted to a military race which has today no precedent elsewhere in the world.

For all Middle East countries, military expenditure has become by far the heaviest item on their national agenda. In the early 1980s, the share of defence expenditure in the GNP of countries like Israel, Syria and Iraq amounted to some 30 per cent.

The bottom line of this historical accounting is that over the years 1966-1991 military expenditures of Middle East countries totaled over $1,500 billion. Thus, Iraq and Saudi Arabia each spent more than $300 billion on their armed forces. Egypt and Israel each spent more than $100 billion, and Syria about $60 billion.

In order to enable us to perceive the meaning of these staggering sums, let us suppose that major national projects — such as building a big dam, constructing a major water desalination network, establishing a major advanced industry — can each be budgeted at $1 billion. The $1,500 billion spent on armies thus means 1,500 major national and regional projects which were not initiated because the funds were spent instead on tanks, military aircraft and missiles.

And 1,500 major projects — or even half that number — in effect mean that Middle East countries missed one generation of development in order to pursue their addiction to arms.

As in any addiction, there are two sides to this tragedy. For this is the story of countries mostly with a Third World profile paying the richer countries for ever more expensive gadgetry. If Middle East countries are the addicts, then the "pushers" are the Soviet Union, Europe and the United States.

Some figures taken from The Economist's 1990 Book of Vital World Statistics reveal just how poorly these countries have fared compared to their counterparts in the OECD, the organization of the richer countries.

Life expectancy in the average OECD country is 72 for men, 78 for women; in Middle East countries it is 62 for men, 64 for women. Infant mortality per 1,000 births is nine in OECD countries, 71 in the Middle East.

Gross Domestic Product per person (in 1988) was $17,097 vs. $1,976; students per 100,000 inhabitants (1988) averaged 3,090 in OECD countries vs. 1,071 in the Middle East (Egypt, 1,758; Iraq, 1,078; Syria, 1,686; Saudi Arabia, 1,091), and so on.

These figures are mostly averages, in which the two notable exceptions were Israel and Kuwait. These two countries approximate OECD achievements in most items. With these exceptions, the comparisons constitute a severe measurement of the failure of most Middle East national leaders to put the welfare of their own people at the top of their national concern.

Because $1,500 billion were spent on armies and on weapons, life in most Middle East countries has remained shorter by more than 10 years than in the developed countries; health services are still scarce, education on all levels is still lagging far behind and industrial growth is slow.

What did this immense waste of resources achieve? It produced wars which, with the exception of the ensuing Egyptian-Israeli peace, only complicated the conflict rather than helped solve it; it produced the Iran-Iraq War, whose human and economic price amounts to 10 times the cost of all Arab-Israeli wars put together; it produced the Gulf War, with devastating results to Iraq currently estimated at $200 billion, and a huge economic price to the coalition led by the United States — probably amounting to $50.

Now is the time to do this painful accounting. Time to demand of national leaders to reflect and tell their people that, in terms of effective results, these vast resources have been misspent.

Now is the time for national leaders of the Middle East, of the United States, of Europe and the Soviet Union, to gather together and make a solemn commitment: in the coming 25 years we shall not throw away another $1,500 billion on instruments of death. Instead, we shall build together a coalition of life which will use this vast sum for reconstruction and human development.

— *JPFS*

Control of oil – OPEC = increased economic benefits

COMMENTARY

By
RAYMOND LEARSY

When OPEC meets, are we likely to see the oil markets go back to business as usual at artificially pegged levels that penalize the world economy?

The war in the Persian Gulf demonstrated an astonishing fact.

Despite the virtual shutdown of Kuwaiti and Iraqi oil production, OPEC is producing and loading more oil now than before the embargo against Iraq began.

Two things are plain:

First, there exists an enormous overcapacity of world oil production capability.

Second, OPEC has a pernicious impact not only on prices but also on the perception of supply and the psychology of oil markets.

Left to market forces, the price would tumble even if Iraq and Kuwait never sold oil again.

No matter when Iraq and Kuwait resume selling oil, the excess of supply would have an even more dramatic impact on prices.

Saudi Arabia's reserves are 250 billion barrels.

Pumping at today's level of eight million barrels a day, the Saudis have enough oil to produce at that rate for 100 years.

Its investment in its petroleum facilities and infrastructure was long ago recouped; their cost of loading and pumping each barrel of oil is less than 50 cents.

Other producers in the region are comparably efficient and their reserves are extensive.

Kuwait alone has 90 billion barrels.

On a free market, oil would cost significantly less than $10 a barrel.

But OPEC has many powerful and well-connected clients.

They will lobby for their immediate interests and quietly cheer the cartel, rationalizing away its price distortions in the name of conservation and national security.

They will succeed in having their governments again wink at the costly manipulation of oil production, marketing and pricing.

In 1986, when prices plummeted to $10 a barrel, then Vice-President George Bush, an ex-oilman, sped to Saudi Arabia to persuade the Saudis to curtail production and re-establish a floor under the collapsing market.

He believed that low prices would devastate the U.S. oil industry and national security.

Given the outlines of the administration's recently announced energy plan, the same process appears to be unfolding.

It has long been argued that for reasons of strategic and economic self-reliance the United States should increase its capacity to produce oil domestically while creating an emergency reserve.

The world is awash in oil.

Assuming a free market price of $10 per barrel, it makes sense to impose a $5 fee on imported oil.

This fee would be sufficient both to discourage excessive consumption and pay domestic producers to keep production facilities on standby, much as we pay farmers not to grow wheat.

What better way to protect domestic oil reserves than to leave them untapped in their natural configuration?

The fee could also provide incentives for exploration to find new domestic reserves to be uncapped in emergencies as needed.

It could also provide incentives to develop alternative energy sources, such as shale oil, tar sands and ethanol.

Not only would our economy benefit but so would poor economies that are even more dependent on imported oil, whether in Eastern Europe or East Asia, Africa or Latin America.

The world would be relieved of an enormous financial burden.

In the United States alone, were the price of oil to drop $10 a barrel, consumers would save $60 billion per year.

Inflation would abate; interest rates would be favorably affected.

Our balance of payments would not suffer; we would pay less for imported oil.

The money saved could then be invested in a comprehensive energy policy that would protect us against another gulf crisis.

(Raymond Learsy, a private investor, was an international trader in oil and chemicals.)

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Editorial/Letters

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Starting points

Saddam's ignominious defeat, coupled with the apparent end to Cold War competition, may have created a unique opportunity for peace. To their credit, Joe Clark and James Baker do not want to lose it. However, after their tour in the region, Clark and Baker were bluntly reminded that "peace" comes easier to the imagination than it does to the heart, especially in the Middle East. But in the all-important quest for peace, the imagination is a good starting point.

Many peace ideas are being floated. They range from a "two-track" approach to a "single track" approach; from a multi-nation peace conference to private and separate negotiations; from region-wide disarmament to collective military security; from a "regional web of treaties" to quiet, low-profile diplomacy.

In groping for the best formula, foreign policy-makers must not lose sight of basic first principles. These are:

- A settlement must not be imposed. A political arrangement which is forced on the parties is doomed to fail despite the good intentions of the enforcers. Peace is an act of will, not of concern.
- Negotiations must be direct and face to face. An international or UN-sponsored conference will lead only to excess and rhetoric. It will lead to hard bargaining. This applies to negotiations between Israel and other regional states, such as Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia, as well as between Israel and the Palestinians.
- Negotiations must begin without pre-conditions. In the give-and-take of long, grinding, but sincere discussions, the possibility of compromise must not be precluded.
- Incremental measures build a stronger foundation. Making peace requires taking some risks. But risks will not be taken without trust. And trust will not develop without confidence-building measures. Between Israel and its neighbors, two key measures would be the end of the economic boycott and the recission of the General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism. Between Israel and the Palestinians, they might be the holding of free elections to select Palestinian leaders with whom Israel would negotiate, and an end to intifada.
- The PLO is not a party to the negotiations. As much as peace is a state of existence, it is a relationship. In fact, relationship is both its beginning and its essence. However, there can be no relationship between two parties when the raison d'etre, the entire existential commitment and life force of one is the other's destruction and annihilation.

The PLO's constitutional document, the Covenant, unamended despite repeated calls, makes crystal clear their driving force and sole purpose is "to eliminate the Zionist presence from Palestine." Their unhesitating and unqualified support of Saddam puts it beyond any doubt.

With these principles in mind, a secure, honorable peace could yet emerge, just as it did 12 years ago when the Camp David Accord was signed on March 26.

Disquieting lessons

Certain disquieting lessons regarding the nature of the adversary are emerging from the recent Gulf War and its aftermath, lessons which should warn our government to proceed with extreme caution in welcoming Saddam Hussein — or his supporters — into a "new, improved" Middle East political structure.

During the six months they occupied a fellow Arab nation, Iraqi forces pillaged and murdered with abandon. They carted away anything of value that could be moved; they emptied Kuwaiti banks; and when they were finally forced to leave, they gave an appalling new meaning to the phrase "scorched earth" by setting fire to virtually every oil well in the country.

Damage to buildings, possessions and the environment, however great, pales into insignificance compared to the war crimes and atrocities which the Iraqi forces perpetrated against their Arab cousins in Kuwait, and which the loyalist remnants of their army are now perpetrating against their compatriots. Survivors tell of the kidnapping of thousands of young Kuwaitis (many still awaiting repatriation), and mass and individual executions, rapes, and toruture. We are now hearing reports of napalmed bodies lining roadsides in Iraq, and of the use of chemical weapons and helicopter gunships against civilians in areas where rebel forces are challenging loyalists.

These crimes, it should be remembered, were, and are being, perpetrated by a ruthless dictator against his own people and against members of the "Arab nation" he purported to lead. As our government ponders with whom it can deal in a post-Gulf War world, can it really consider Saddam — and his allies — as trustworthy partners in the search for a secure peace?

TO THE EDITOR:

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DEFENDS QUEEN ISABELLA

Let us not be too hasty to fabricate history. Arnold Ages in his article (CJN Feb. 14) tells us that Queen Isabella was "responsible for the Inquisition and the expulsion of Jews from Spain." He resents that Queen Isabella has been nominated by the Catholic Church for sainthood.

In the past six or seven decades, I have heard only good things about Queen Isabella. Isabella was aware of the plight of Jews, Muslims and Protestants who suffered in the Inquisition. That prodded her to supply money to Columbus for his westward journey.

A monk, Tomas de Torquemada, was the chief Inquisitor. As the would-be offences were against the Church, I hardly believe that the king and queen would have dared to interfere.

If Ages has unquestionable proof, let him tell us about it, otherwise let him drop these vicious accusations against a good queen, let us not pick on the Catholic Church without just cause. At Jewish insistance the Pope relocated the Carmelite nuns elsewhere after being dislodged from their convent at Auschwitz.

Melvin Friedman
Montreal

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JEWS IN BERMUDA

Re Sheldon Kirshner's article on Bermuda's Jewish community (CJN, Feb. 28).

As an 'Airborne Radar' technician in the RCAF attached to the RAF, I spent about a year in Bermuda 1944 to the end of the war in 45. I stayed at the Belmont Manor and our base was on Darril's island. I mixed very freely with the Locals & Service personal. In other words I was a very active kid; (24-25).

I played cricket, tried out for the soccer team and didn't make it and led an all service group (3-RCAF 1-RAF) to the 'Team-of-four' bridge championship of the Island. That is to say I frequented the prestigious Bermuda Bridge Club on Front Street. I was often invited to the homes of the members; (filthy rich) and received a first hand feel for life on the island. But more important I became very friendly with Myer M. Malloy his wife and two daughters. They were originally out of Boston, Mass. Myer was in 'real-estate.' They were the only Jewish citizens at the time. Their home was the hub of any and all visible Jewish life. I knew the family well and was very cognizant of some of their problems.

We had a Passover seder in one of the large hotels. Well organized; US service men and women; a few from the Union of South Africa RAF; families from England and Scotland and base workers from USA and Canada. Many of these people I had met at the Malloy's.

Charlie Goldbloom
Montreal

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GERMAN JEWS ARE RIGHT

I wish to express my concern regarding the letter from Michael Alter of Toronto, who is worried about Soviet Jews being admitted into Germany.

Possibly naively, I thought that what was important, and what Western Jews were fighting for, was and is to save Soviet Jewry from Soviet-style anti-Semitism. Mr. Alter and, unfortunately, many other Western Jews still cannot, or do not want to, understand how dangerous it is for Soviet Jews to remain in the Soviet Union. They are acting as their predecessors did in 1939, who could not believe what was happening in Germany in those days. Now, they are saying that they did not know, then. But today, we Jews know what is going on in the U.S.S.R. Doors from the U.S.S.R. are almost closed, and Soviet Jews are rushing to anywhere that would admit them.

I was in the U.S.S.R. during the Second World War. Believe me, I can understand what Soviet Jews feel in fleeing to Germany for safety. But what choice do they have? They do not have time to wait until Israel will be able to admit some two million Soviet Jews. Even at 300,000 per year, it can take 10 years! German Jews realize what role time plays. This is why they are pressing their government, in trying to save Jewish lives.

It is my belief, and I hope more and more Western Jews can understand this now, that time is running out and we cannot afford to play games. Delivering books on Judaism to anti-Semitic Russia is not the way. We must unite and pressure our Canadian government to accept Soviet Jews to Canada, as German and American Jews are doing.

Lilian Grinzaft
Montreal

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PERILS OF INTERMARRIAGE

I was appalled to read a story about an address by Beth Feffer of Jewish Family & Child Service (CJN Feb. 28), under the heading, Parents not to Blame for Children's Intermarriage.

The article quotes Mrs. Feffer, "We can do everything possible to ensure our children and grandchildren get the best Jewish education and camp experience and we can live in kosher, observant households, yet, sometimes chemistry does its own thing." She further goes on to state, "Intermarriage comes from the whole spectrum of Judaism. Parents must not feel at all guilty."

Rabbi Z. Aaron Grossbaum

I took strong exception to her remarks and dangerous attitude.

While intermarriage at present in Canada is at 25 per cent, this would in no way be proportionate amongst all branches of Judaism. In fact an outright intermarriage with an individual from a background and education referred to above is highly unlikely and a rare exception.

An intermarriage with a non-Jewish spouse does not constitute marriage according to Jewish law and while one may elect not to alienate the non-Jewish partner, the relationship does not constitute marriage. Consequently, at no point should the relationship become acceptable and tolerable by the parents.

Religion is not arbitrary. Torah dictates that a child born to a Jewish mother is Jewish and not vice versa. Hence, to present children with options is unacceptable and counter-productive.

The overall message that parents "must not feel guilty" is wrong. The Torah tells us clearly, (Exodus 34:15), not to socialize with non-Jews for this will bring about intermarriage. In fact, Jews have been instructed not to drink non-Jewish wine or eat foods cooked by non-Jews. This prohibition has been introduced in order to create a barrier between Jews and non-Jews and acts as a safeguard against intermarriage and assimilation.

My experience has proven beyond doubt that the best deterrent against intermarriage is to be upfront, unyielding and absolutely truthful about the consequences.

Rabbi Z. Aaron Grossbaum
Executive Vice-President
Chabad Lubavitch of Southern Ontario

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HURTS STUDENTS ON CAMPUS

In a letter to the editor (CJN, Feb. 7) Frank Dimant, the executive vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada, seems to attempt to absolve himself and his organization of the guilt that they feel over their recent decision to cut all funding to the Hillel program.

Mr. Dimant apparently feels that since students who participate in Hillel programs do not give anything back to B'nai Brith, but instead participate in the UJA, B'nai Brith is justified in cutting Hillel off.

Even if this were true, it is very sad to see that such a community organization measures the value of a program only by what it gets back and not by the contribution made to the Jewish community as a whole.

However, the fact is that former Hillel students are currently active in B'nai Brith. By cutting us off completely, Mr. Dimant ensures that no future or present Hillel student will ever be involved in B'nai Brith.

Mr. Dimant is also convinced that by cutting our funding, B'nai Brith will not seriously damage the Hillel campus activities.

While this is true of the campuses (such as Waterloo) that received a shamefully low amount of money from B'nai Brith, and while it may be temporarily true of the campuses (such as Western) that are being supported by the local federations for this year only, it is not true of the campuses (such as McMaster) that relied heavily on B'nai Brith's annual contribution where the local federation is unable to cover for B'nai Brith, even on a temporary basis.

The budget cuts will certainly harm the University of Toronto campus, the largest in Canada. Mr. Dimant seems to have forgotten that he is planning to sell the house on Spadina Avenue that is the continuation of an institution that has been home to the Jewish students of U of T since 1946, as well as the centre for Jewish student life on campus.

If our budget is cut and the house is sold, there will be no effective Jewish organization on campus to plan an Israel Day, or to hold a forum regarding the anti-Semitic writings of our campus newspaper.

Paul Goldbach
President
Jewish Students' Union/Hillel (U of T)
Toronto

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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EINBINDER — SETZER

After the invention of the printing press Jews became engaged in the business of printing and publishing. This created vocations which in turn supplied surnames.

Buchbinder, Einbinder — a book binder
Drucker — printer
Abzug — proof
Buchhandler — publisher
Redakteur — editor
Schreiber — writer
Setzer — typesetter

Opinion

It's great to be back in my Bathurst Street apartment

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Did you, my most esteemed readers, miss me during the last month and a half? Please, say yes.

You have no idea how I missed you during the six-week Florida galut (forcible expulsion from one's homeland). My life there, was, believe me, no Gan Eiden (Garden of Eden). It was a painful separation and I came, literally, limping home, but with joy in my heart.

Home at last! Back to Bathurst Street! Ah!

When I finally entered my Bathurst Street apartment I opened my two travelling bags in the middle of my living room and left them there for two weeks, removing the contents leisurely, a bit at a time, so as to enjoy the homecoming as long as possible.

Senior readers of this column will surely remember how I fought bravely and fiercely against the conspiracy to kidnap me and to release me only when my kidnappers had me on Florida soil. But such is the cunning of evil-doers that they tried to dull my fears by assuring me that they will keep me there for only 10 days.

But the following year they extended my Florida imprisonment to two weeks. A year later, separation from Bathurst Street was extended to three weeks and this year, believe it or not, it became a month and a half. Six weeks!

J.B. Salsberg

And all that punishment from the hands of Friends!

Be assured my real friends, who long from week to week to read this weekly masterpiece, that I shall battle like Samson of the Bible against those who plot my Florida punishment. Mind you, we weren't really completely separated, one from the other.

Since I couldn't stand the separation I saw to it that this renowned Jewish weekly hear from me every week of my Florida galut. Those weekly telephone contacts resulted in the truncated (pint-sized) columns that I telephoned to Ben Rose, the highly esteemed member of The CJN editorial staff and former Parliamentary representative of the Toronto Star in the provincial press gallery, when I was a member of the Ontario legislature. It was to him that I gave the text for the small sized weekly piece that you read in the paper. Thanks, Ben. But it took me a few weeks to re-integrate into the Toronto reality.

First, I found in my apartment a fair-sized carton filled to overflow with mail that the building superintendent carefully deposited during my absence. I panicked at the sight of it. There are still quite a few unopened envelopes there. But I'm making progress; slowly, but progress nevertheless. As, I'm happy to say, I'm doing with my sprained left ankle which I also acquired in Florida. (I made a fast left turn on one leg as ballet dancers do . . .) In short, I'm a fully readjusted Torontonian.

Like you, I'm already tackling the pleasant task of preparing for the most glorious of Jewish holidays: for Pesach. No, not for the kneidlach, but for the family Seders (two, not one). We hope to have around 40 men, women and children of our enlarged family at this year's traditionally-conducted family Seder.

You may recall that four years ago my nephew Allan Troster, the youngest son of my sister Betty and her husband, Sydney Troster, was in Tokyo, Japan, on Pesach. He timed it so that his call from that distant city reached us during the second portion of the Seder and he asked that we sing the joyous "Chad Gadyah" part of the Haggadah for him.

We did with gusto as he listened thousands of miles away.

This year, Allan's parents are in Florida for health reasons, and will not be with us for the Seder. So we are planning to repeat that performance for them and their Canadian friends who will be with them on this occasion.

With all respect for Florida Jews, I am confident that the air-spaces over Florida have never heard a more joyous rendition of Chad Gadyah than will be heard on this first Seder night from the home of my sister Thelma when we will sing it for Betty, Syd and their friends in Hollywood, Florida.

And so, my dear friends, this first full column in six weeks must come to an end.

Glad to be back. Looking forward to meeting you next week.

Saddam's not the only one preoccupied with 19

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

A few weeks ago the Globe and Mail reported that Saddam Hussein believed that the number 19 had a magic influence on his life. Many events in his checkered existence happened on the 19th day of the month or in the 19th year of his presidency. I am sure many readers put this down as another meshuggas of a megalomaniac who had lost touch with reality and engaged in superstitious flights of imagination.

The fact is that his preoccupation with this particular number is not unique to him and not even surprising, for it has deep roots in Iraqi culture which goes back to Babylonian times. And since the Jews were once residents of that country — in exile at first, and later on as their own chosen Diaspora where they created the Babylonian Talmud — it is not strange that the number 19 has significance with us as well. It is, in fact, a cosmic number which was known to many peoples.

Rabbi Plaut

The Torah itself reflects this ancient tradition. When it speaks of the two key figures among the ante-deluvians, Methuselah and Noah, it relates their ages as follows: Methuselah, the man reported to have lived longer than any person, died when he was 969 years old, which represents 51 cycles of 19 years; and Noah, a righteous man who bridged the ante-deluvian and post-deluvian worlds, lived 950 years, or 50 cycles of 19.

But why does 19 play such a special role? Because it has a cosmic significance and is, so to speak, written into the laws of nature. This was already discovered by the ancient Babylonians and put into a specific astronomical system by the Greek astronomer Meton, who flourished at the time of Pericles and Socrates in the latter part of the fifth century BCE. He showed that the earth, sun and moon go through a 19-year cycle in their relationship to each other: every 19 years they are lined up precisely in the same way. That recurrence has since been known as the Metonic cycle.

During our exile in Babylon (sixth century BCE), we Jews adopted a new calendar which, like the Babylonian model, features a cycle of 19 years. During that period there are seven leap years when we insert a second month of Adar. This scheme is designed to keep our calendar, which is based on the moon, in line with the seasons of the year, which are regulated by the sun.

Thus Pesach always occurs in the spring and Rosh Hashanah always in the fall. In contrast, the Islamic calendar does not insert leap years into its lunar system, and therefore its months are not related to the season and thus, Ramadan will in time fall into every season.

Like the Hebrew Bible, the Koran, too, notes 19 as a special number, and so does the founder of the Baha'i faith, Baha'i Ullah, who made it his personal favorite. Saddam's preference therefore has long historical antecedents and was harmless enough as far as it went.

Only when he began to identify himself with the ancient Nebuchadnezzar and, like him, thought of conquering the entire Middle East, including Jerusalem, did his dreams go sour. Cosmic numbers and configurations are quite obviously no guarantee for the success of personal ambitions.

Preparations for twins' bat mitzvah was an education

By
ELAINE KAHN

So Sara and Rachel have, technically, been Jewish adults for almost a week already, although it's yet to be formalized by the bat mitzvah ritual, still several weeks away. It's almost as difficult to believe they've (I've?) passed this threshold as it was to believe they'd been born at all.

Preparations for the bat mitzvah have been an education.

I suspect, for example, that part of the reason many men let the women in their lives run their social life is that, when they were small, they let their mothers RSVP to invitations for them.

Elaine Kahn

Of the reply cards back so far, all those from the kids' female friends were undoubtedly written by the girls themselves — most of the replies from boys were written by adults (unless boys generally have much better handwriting than girls, which I doubt).

All the details for the bat mitzvah, both the service and the party, have been planned in a series of fairly friendly family meetings. This was very important to me — the bat mitzvah itself will be over so very quickly that I wanted a lot of fun and excitement in the planning. Most disagreements have been with outsiders.

Like all the sales help who, once they heard "bat mitzvah," immediately tried to squeeze the girls into black.

I know it's chic and everything, and I've worn black to weddings and white to a funeral, so it's not like I'm such a stickler for "tradition." But black for girls stepping into a new stage of youth just hits me the wrong way (let alone that my grandmother Kahn has been warning me off it for over a year already).

Unfortunately, black is very popular, so the shopping took forever — only frequent pit stops for ice cream got us through it.

The various professionals we've needed for the party — from the woman who bit her lip and said nothing when our invitations went against conventional wisdom to the caterer, photographer and so on — have been good about offering professional advice without trying to force us into becoming people we're not.

Our only run-in so far was with one upscale florist who tried to convince me my shul is not big enough for our guest list, so we should go elsewhere (our shul can accommodate at least a 100 more people than we expect). For the clientele she deals with, she told me, space is the number one priority.

Funny, I thought sculpting the bat mitzvah girl in orchids would be the top priority for people like that.

Ours is that family and friends have an unforgettable time celebrating a very important stage in the lives of two extraordinary young women (Oy! Though we have instructed the band not to play anything from Fiddler on the Roof, where the heck are those two little girls I carried?).

But I guess we're lucky that has been our only brush with the syndrome widely known as putting the "bar" before the "mitzvah."

Although my husband is a rabbi, the girls have been getting their bat mitzvah training from the shul's cantor — same principle as doctors not having family members as patients.

Having a rabbi in the family also created a dilemma — how to have the congregation join in our simcha and still be able to have a private celebration with friends and family.

We decided to find a Sunday Rosh Hodesh, so there would be a Torah reading with aliyot for the girls, followed by a private party, but also have a congregational kiddush after Shabbat services the day before.

Then, a few weeks ago, a CBC producer called my husband, asking to videotape services the day of the bat mitzvah — seems they'd arranged to tape a service that day at another shul, but it fell through.

The offer was, for a second or two, very tempting. Images of bat mitzvah services are rare on Canadian TV. Rarer still is footage of a Conservative egalitarian service and the educator gene is very strong in all of us. But we've worked too hard to design a private simcha to give in to temptation.

In fact, we'd already decided not to have the service privately videotaped, although, given it's a Sunday, there's no halacha against it. No matter how unobtrusive the camera, we'd still know it was there and this is a religious ceremony, not an Oscar contender.

So far, Sara and Rachel still share with our puppy a need to be cuddled and, so far, they still call us "Mummy" and "Daddy" (I call my parents that too, but have often read that one is supposed to grow out of it, so have braced myself for the worst).

So far, although they're almost as tall as I am and are reading Seventeen regularly, they have exhibited as few symptoms of the "terrible teens" as they did of the "terrible twos" or of any other period of development that was supposed to destroy us.

But I know that the most wondrous thing about parenthood is that wonders never cease, so I'm stockpiling tranquilizers and recipes for comfort foods just in case.

THIS TRAMP HOPES TO WIN BIG

Israel's national lottery has just commissioned four one minute feature films based on Charlie Chaplin's The Little Tramp to promote the state lottery. Actor comedian Sefi Rivilin is shown here as The Little Tramp. [IPPA photo]

Backgrounder

Perfect bureaucrats and fascinating photos

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

A bagful of books for all tastes and occasions...

As we all know, the Nazis kept meticulous records of their misdeeds. They were perfect bureaucrats, faithfully recording their nefarious activities voluminously. It is this methodical attention to detail that is so striking in *Auschwitz Chronicle, 1939-1945* (Henry Holt and Company), compiled by Danuta Czech. This hefty reference book, all 856 pages of it, is a day-to-day compilation of what went on in Auschwitz and its annexes, Birkenau and Monowitz. The mundane and the subliminal are recorded.

This is a volume in which very little escapes the author's scrutiny. Charts, photographs and drawings complement the text. Walter Laqueur's foreword is illuminating. "No death screams reach our ears from this prose, no whiff of decomposition remains," he writes. "In these documents can be found all and nothing about the inferno — unless one pauses from time to time and asks what these documents actually mean."

Lodz Ghetto: Inside A Community Under Siege (Penguin, $12.99) is also a remarkable book. But unlike *Auschwitz Chronicle*, it is not just a dry recital of horrific facts. Culled from diaries, poems, notebooks and German documents, the material here is on a very human scale. Comprehensive and poignant, *Lodz Ghetto* is a motherlode of information on the last major ghetto to be liquidated by the Nazis. Among other things, you can read a graphic description of a communal toilet, an account of the destruction of a synagogue, an anguished speech by Judenrat leader Chaim Rumkowski and an excerpt from a diary about ongoing deportations.

Auschwitz —silent death screams.

Apart from being a notable novelist (*Street of Crocodiles, Sanatorium Under the Sign of the Hourglass*), Bruno Schulz was an impressive artist. Schulz, a Polish Jew murdered during the Holocaust, produced unflinchingly candid drawings, engravings and sketches of the horrors of personal and cultural degradation. They're found in *The Drawings of Bruno Schulz* (Northwestern University Press, $24.95 U.S.), which is edited by Jerzy Ficowski, a Schulz scholar.

John Demjanjuk, a Ukrainian American, was sentenced by Israel in 1988 to be hanged for killing numerous Jews as a guard and gas chamber operator in Treblinka. While Israel's Supreme Court studies new evidence purporting to exonerate him, Demjanjuk languishes in a prison, claiming he is a victim of mistaken identity.

Tom Teicholz's *The Trial of Ivan the Terrible* (St. Martin's Press, $22.95), examines the man and his trial in Jerusalem. Thorough and compelling, this may well be the best single volume on the subject.

When Herschel Grynszpan walked into the German Embassy in Paris on Nov. 7, 1938, he couldn't have known that the fate of European Jewry lay in his hands. Grynszpan, a distraught 17-year-old Polish Jew whose parents had been expelled from Germany, shot Ernst vom Rath, a minor diplomat, who died shortly afterward. The Nazis, seizing on his death as a pretext to rid Germany of its remaining Jews, unleashed Kristallnacht, which turned out to be a prelude to the Holocaust.

The Day the Holocaust Began: The Odyssey of Herschel Grynszpan (Praeger, $21.95) describes at length the events that impelled Grynszpan to fire the shots that were heard around the world, and then relates his experiences in French and German custody. It is written by Gerald Schwab, whose family was directly affected by Kristallnacht.

Immediately after the fall of France in the spring of 1940, Raoul Laporterie, the mayor of a village near Bordeaux, risked his life by supplying false documents, money, transport and shelter to more than 1,600 people, chiefly Sephardi Jews, fleeing Nazism. In *Just Raoul* (Stoddart, $24.95), James Bacque, a Canadian writer, describes the mayor's adventures in the French resistance movement. It's an inspirational story.

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The relationship between Jews and Ukrainians is problematical, being neither as good nor as bad as some claim. Readers interested in taking a closer, more searching look at the topic are well advised to pick up a copy of *Ukrainian-Jewish Relations* (University of Alberta, no price listed), edited by Peter Potichnyj and Howard Aster.

The book consists of 24 essays by specialists in the field, delving into topics ranging from Ukrainian-Jewish Antagonism in the Galician Countryside During the Late Nineteenth Century to Jews and Ukrainians in Canada. The essays are scholarly and balanced, and are recommended to those who are not merely content to wallow in myths.

The 19th edition of the *YIVO Annual* (Northwestern University Press, $36.95 U.S.) lives up to expectations — which is to say that it's informative and never dull. Among the essays which caught my eye deal with Los Angeles' post-Holocaust Jewish community, Jews in Mississippi, the ethnography of Lower East Side Jews and Dutch Jews in the 1980s.

William McCagg Jr., a professor of history at Michigan State University, has produced a first-rate book in *A History of Habsburg Jews, 1670-1918* (Indiana University Press, $27.50 U.S.) McCagg's study of what was once Europe's second largest Jewish community in a polyglot empire which crumbled at the end of the First World War focuses on two recurring themes — modernization and assimilation.

From East and West: Jews in a Changing Europe, 1750 to 1850 (Basil Blackwell, $18.95) is most readable, being composed of essays on a momentous period in Jewish history which saw Jews move from the ghetto to the mainstream of European life. I was particularly interested in profiles on Alfred Dreyfus, the artillery officer who was accused of being a spy; John King (alias Jacob Rey), the notorious British money-lender; Daniel Itzig, the German financier; Fanny Lewald, the German writer; and Zevi Hirsch Kalischer, the theoretician of religious Zionism.

The editors are Frances Malino, a professor of Jewish studies at Wellesley College, and David Sorkin, a lecturer in modern history at Oxford.

Jozef Pilsudski was by far the most important political figure in Poland between the First and Second World Wars. In *Pilsudski: A Life For Poland* (Hippocrene Books, $11.95 U.S.), Waclaw Jedrzejewicz assesses the record of this soldier cum-politician who dominated his country until his death in 1935. The author is correct to say that Pilsudski was not an anti-Semite. But he's way off the mark by suggesting that post-1918 Poland did not practise anti-Semitism.

Mixed marriages are no longer uncommon in North America. Indeed, the incidence of intermarriage is on the rise. This is precisely why one can recommend two useful books dealing with the phenomenon — *The Intermarriage Handbook* (Gage, $28.50) by Judy Petsonk and Jim Remsen and *Happily Intermarried* (Collier Macmillan, $25.95) by Rabbi Roy Rosenberg, Father Peter Meehan and Rev. John Wade Payne.

The first is "a cradle-to-grave" guide on the decisions and problems faced by everyone involved in interfaith marriage. The second claims that two religions can coexist under one roof.

In *Patrimony* (General, $25.95), novelist Philip Roth watches his once vigorous father succumb to the ravages of old age. Filled with dread and humor, *Patrimony* is never less than sensitive, insightful and touching.

A.M. Klein, the Montreal poet and novelist, was an original. Klein's literate, lilting poetry is showcased in the two-volume *Complete Poems* (University of Toronto Press, $125). Zailig Pollock of Trent University is the editor.

The late Sam Steinberg was a great entrepreneur, the son of Hungarian immigrants who built a chain of supermarkets. After his death, however, a debilitating power struggle within the Steinberg family ensued, with all its consequences. *Steinberg: The Breakup of a Family Empire* (Macmillan, $29.95), written by Ann Gibbon and Peter Hadekal, skillfully recounts the Steinberg saga.

The Man Who Changed the World (Harper Collins, $29.95) is about Mikhail Gorbachev. Gail Sheehy is an acute observer who leaves no stone unturned, including Gorbachev's attitude to Jews.

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The photographs, in color and black and white, are fascinating — SS Reichsfuhrer Heinrich Himmler greeted on his arrival in the ghetto by Rumkowski, Jewish workers producing ammunition bags and knapsacks for the German army, Rumkowski performing a wedding ceremony (after the rabbinate was abolished), two Jewish policemen, batons in hand, posing uncomfortably for the camera, the burning of the Reform temple on Kosciuszko Boulevard.

The authors are Alan Adelson, co-director of a documentary film on the Lodz ghetto, and Robert Lapides, a professor of English at the City University of New York.

Saudis cultivate Jewish links

By
DAVID TWERSKY

A new Saudi policy aimed at cultivating covert ties instead of confrontation with American Jewish groups is based on old advice: If you can't beat 'em, join 'em.

Over the last year, the Saudi ambassador to Washington, Prince Bandar bin Sultan, nephew of King Fahd and son of his country's defence minister, has been meeting with Jewish leaders and pro-Israel lawmakers. In January, a delegation of American policy analysts, many of them Jewish, visited Riyadh as guests of the Saudi government. The delegation was organized by the pro-Israel Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

The new twist in Saudi policy preceded the dispatch of hundreds of thousands of American troops to the Gulf. It centres on the Saudis' desire to cement their strategic relationship with America, which has been blocked repeatedly or curtailed by pro-Israel forces.

The emergence of the Iraqi threat and Saudi participation in the American-led coalition against Saddam Hussein provided an enemy common to the Saudis and Israelis, made dangerously real by Scud attacks on both countries. Finally, Israeli restraint, out of deference to Arab sensibilities, made an impact on the Saudi elite. Whether these changes run deep enough to survive the end of the Gulf war remains to be seen.

"What I can say with some certainty is there is a change here," Martin Indyk, director of the Washington Institute, said. As evidence, he noted, "the fact of our being invited to Saudi Arabia, the fact that we were going from Saudi Arabia directly to Israel, and the fact we were able to engage in sincere discussion about Israel."

Indyk said that American policy would be a pivotal factor in determining whether the change in Saudi policy would endure. "I think that the verdict is still out, but certainly there is change in thinking. That's where the United States comes in. But from the people we met with, I'd say they will support an American-led peace process."

The analyst said the Saudis indicated they would have no problem with "normalization" of relations with Israel, but insisted "there has to be a solution to the Palestinian problem. That's not particularly new — they have always taken that position." What is new, he said, is that the Saudis were "very flexible" in describing a mechanism for solving the problem.

One American Jewish leader who has met with Prince Bandar said that Saudi leaders were tentatively exploring changing their position about Israel in the post-Saddam environment.

"There is a strain in the Saudi government group that sees the possibility of change after Saddam," the leader said. "They recognize that the myth of Arab unity no longer applies and that maybe they should prepare for another world. They are looking for a possibility to prepare. As part of that, they want to cover all the bases here, including the Jewish community. They want to connect with people in the Jewish community, pass messages to Israel, etc."

Prince Bandar has met over several years with Jewish and other pro-Israel members of Congress, including Democratic Reps. Stephen Solarz of Brooklyn and Mel Levine of California. According to congressional sources, during the period leading up to the Jan. 15 UN deadline, there is evidence that the Saudi ambassador, a hawk on Saddam Hussein and therefore an ally of the domestic coalition forming behind President Bush, met with pro-Israel forces in and out of Congress.

Jewish leaders have sought to exact a price for improving the Saudi position here. They have raised questions about atmospherics and substance: The dean of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center, Rabbi Marvin Hier, and its associate dean, Rabbi Abraham Cooper, have met Prince Bandar several times. Their first meeting last June was arranged by the mayor of Los Angeles, according to Rabbi Cooper. "We discussed our concern about anti-Semitism in the Saudi press and tried to clarify their position regarding Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel," Rabbi Cooper said. "The meeting lasted four hours. The meeting was before the invasion of Kuwait.

Robert K. Lifton, president of the American Jewish Congress, said: "It is incumbent on the U.S. government to use what leverage it is creating now as soon as possible to help the Saudis move in the direction of holding out to Israel the prospect that if Israel resolves the Palestinian issue, full diplomatic and commercial relationships with Arab states will be available. Then Israel might be more willing to take risks than it is now."

(The Forward)

Winning peace will be harder than winning war

By
— SHELDON KIRSHNER

The United States and its coalition partners scored a swift triumph over Iraq in the Gulf War. Today, the predominant challenge facing Washington in the Middle East is of a far more daunting order: to end the Arab-Israeli dispute, a perennial source of instability in the region.

But as U.S. Secretary of State James Baker discovered last week, the conflict pitting Israel against the Arab world does not lend itself to panaceas. After meeting with Israel's leadership and a Palestinian delegation selected by the PLO, Baker left Jerusalem empty-handed. Neither Israel nor the Palestinians had budged from long-held positions.

The current Israeli government, the most right-wing in Israel's history, is unwilling to trade land for peace. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said as much before Baker's arrival in Israel. On the other hand, the Palestinians in the territories demand an Israeli withdrawal and an independent state on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Cognizant of these unbridgeable divergencies, Baker adopted a low-key approach, explaining that the reason for his exploratory trip, his first to the Jewish state, was "to reason, to cajole (and) not to engage in pressure." Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy had feared that Israel would be subjected to a "hurricane of pressure." Israel, however, may feel pressure *if* the United States seriously decides to push its peace proposals, which were laid out recently by President George Bush.

Washington's plan is based on United Nations Security Council resolution 242, which Israel and the Arabs have accepted. It calls for an Israeli withdrawal from territories taken in the 1967 Six Day War in return for Arab recognition and acceptance of Israel's "territorial integrity and political independence."

But in a nod to Israel, the Bush administration is not insisting on an international peace conference now.

The United States, having vanquished Iraq and liberated Kuwait, is of the view that the current political climate favors a settlement:

•The United States, riding the crest of a convincing military victory, is confident that it can use its prestige to win over stubborn hearts and minds.

•Iraq, which posed a clear threat to the entire area, has been cut down to size.

•The United States' Arab coalition allies, notably Saudi Arabia and Syria, are reportedly ready to recognize Israel, provided the Israeli government withdraws from the territories and solves the Palestinian problem at an international conference under United Nations auspices — ideas Israel adamantly rejects.

•The PLO, which Israel neither recognizes nor accepts as a negotiating partner, has been widely discredited after backing Iraq.

•Israelis, having been traumautized by the spectre of Scud missiles wreaking death and destruction on their cities, may be sufficiently war-weary to enter into a new era of reconciliation and co-operation with the Arabs and the Palestinians.

The Bush administration was counting on such a confluence of events and atmospherics when Baker visited the Middle East and launched yet another Middle Eastern peace process.

The United States began to lay the groundwork for its current inititaive long before Saddam Hussein's army was humbled in the sands of the Arabian desert.

Bush, while rejecting linkage between Iraq's occupation of Kuwait and the Palestinian question, spoke of defusing the Arab-Israeli imbroglio:

•On Oct. 1, in a speech to the United Nations, he said: "In the aftermath of Iraq's unconditional departure from Kuwait, I truly believe there may be opportunities... to settle the conflict that divides the Arabs from Israel."

•On Jan. 28, when Iraq's aggression still loomed large, Bush promised he would take the lead in postwar efforts "to bring peace to the rest of the Middle East."

•On Jan. 30, Baker and his Soviet counterpart, Alexsandr Bessmertnykh, issued a joint communique which referred to "mutual U.S.-Soviet efforts to promote Arab-Israeli peace and regional stability, in consultation with other parties in the region..."

•On Feb. 6, Baker, outlining Washington's vision of a peaceful Middle East, spoke of "real (Arab-Israel) reconciliation based on enduring respect, tolerance and mutual trust."

•On March 4, Baker unveiled a two-track approach to the Middle East. "We have got to do two things," he said. "We have got to find a way for the Arab states and Israel to make peace. And we have got to find a way for Israel and the Palestinians to begin a dialogue."

•On March 6, Bush called for an end to "Arab-Israeli conflict," invoked UN resolutions 242 and 338, linked Israeli security with "legitimate Palestinian political rights," emphasized the need for compromise and, with the Iraqi Scud barrage in mind, pointedly reminded the Israeli government that "geography can't guarantee security."

By committing itself to brokering peace in the Middle East, the Bush administration has undertaken an enormous, perhaps even futile, task.

There has not been a U.S. president — from Harry Truman to Ronald Reagan — who has not tried to achieve Arab-Israeli amity.

For example: Dwight Eisenhower attempted to close the gap between Israel and Egypt. Richard Nixon enunicated the principle that boundaries should not "reflect the weight of conquest." Gerald Ford looked for ways to induce Israel and Jordan to end their state of war. Jimmy Carter took the greatest risks in Arab-Israeli peacemaking, but his involvement paid off in spades when Israel and Egypt signed a peace treaty in 1979.

Bush, who prides himself on his experience in international affairs, realizes that no diplomatic progress is possible unless the United States assuages Israel's fears.

Before and during the Gulf War, he and Baker tried to impress on Israel and its supporters that the United States is sensitive to Israel's concerns. In a Jan. 31 meeting with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, Bush promised he would not try to impose his will on Israel — a point Baker reiterated in Israel.

Subsequently, Bush ruled out a role for the PLO and voiced opposition to a Palestinian state.

What is more, the United States has encouraged the belief that Saudi Arabia may try to develop an alternate leadership to the PLO, whose own dialogue with the United States was broken off last June, following Yasser Arafat's refusal to openly condemn a Palestinian terrorist raid against Israeli beaches near Tel Aviv.

It's clear that the Saudis are deeply disenchanted with Arafat. The Saudi envoy to Washington has said: "Everybody who stood up for (Iraq) is going under with Saddam Hussein."

Last week in Jerusalem, Baker offered more assurances, saying that Arab-Israeli negotiations should be preceded by "confidence-building measures," such as an Arab renunciation of the economic boycott against Israel and Israel's release of Palestinian political prisoners.

And Baker reportedly suggested that Syria — which has not been on the diplomatic agenda since 1967 — may be interested in a settlement if Israel is willing to discuss the status of the Golan Heights.

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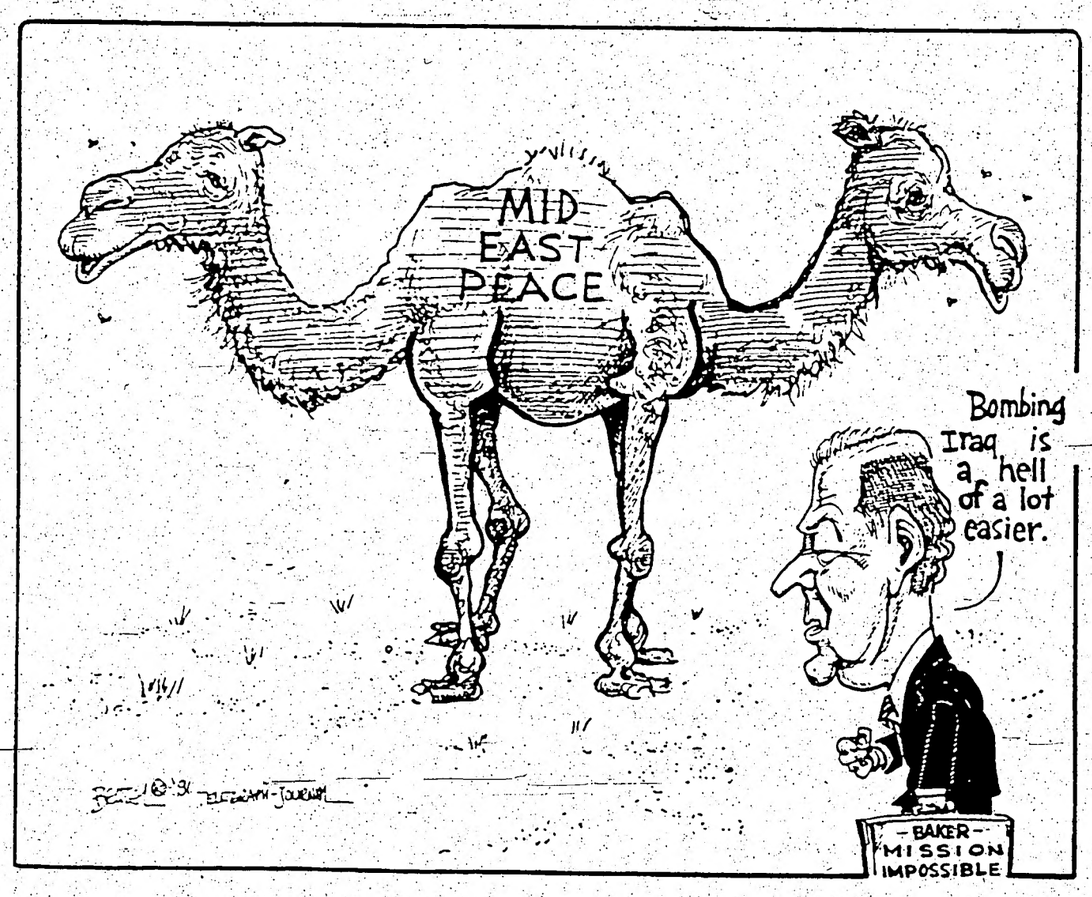
The Israeli government stands by its May 1989 plan (which Shamir drew up with Yitzhak Rabin, the former defence minister). One of its most salient features — the provision for Palestinian elections in the territories, to be followed by Israeli-Palestinian talks and limited autonomy for the Palestinians — was so filled with imponderables that three cabinet ministers fought it. Furthermore, Shamir's interpretation of the plan triggered the collapse of the national unity government and caused a crisis in U.S.-Israel relations.

Today, the plan is resisted by several vocal ministers, Ariel Sharon, Yuval Ne'eman, Rafael Eitan and Rehavam Ze'evi. Sharon, for one, has has called for the immediate annexation of parts of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

By contrast, Shamir's critics on the left suspect his professed desire to negotiate with Palestinians. They point to the recent arrest of Sari Nusseibeh, a moderate Palestinian who was accused of spying for Iraq, the appointment of "transfer" advocate Ze'evi to the cabinet, Shamir's own hardline views and recurring reports that Israel plans to increase the Jewish population in the territories.

The Labor party favors territorial compromise. But while Shimon Peres, its leader, is amenable to a federation consisting of Jordan, the West Bank and Gaza, colleagues like Moshe Shahal and Yossi Beilin support the notion of an independent Palestinian state linked with Jordan.



Arms control linked to regional stability

By
GERALD M. STEINBERG

The "new regional order" which the Bush Administration has declared to be its major policy goal now that the war is over is heavily dependent on arms control. President George Bush and Secretary of State James Baker have emphasized the need to limit the flow of arms in the Middle East in order to provide stability and prevent another and more violent war.

Now, as in the past, these goals will be very difficult to implement. There are many eager suppliers of weapons, including the United States itself, and the tensions and inherent conflicts in the region still encourage large scale races. Instead of arms control and "a new order," the Middle East seems already to be in the first stages of a major new arms race.

Since the end of the fighting in the Gulf, the United States has already announced two multi-billion dollar arms deals with Egypt and Saudi Arabia. These two states were part of the anti-Iraq coalition. The advanced aircraft, precision munitions, and other weapons are part of the rewards of victory.

However, other countries in the region, including Syria and Israel, will naturally feel the need to keep pace. Syria has already taken the billion dollars in "reward money" it received from the Saudis to purchase advanced weapons. If reports of Syrian purchases of improved Scud missiles and mobile launchers from North Korea are accurate, the stage for the next war in the region will already have been set.

Israel, of course, follows these developments closely. Given the trauma of the recent war in which 39 missiles were launched at Israel over a period of six weeks, the Syrian effort to obtain new missiles is a major source of concern. Syria also has a known chemical-weapons capability, and its proximity to Israel increases the threat. Unless the United States can lean on its coalition partner, (or on North Korea, perhaps through Japan), and prevent this deployment, a new arms race and increased instability will follow.

By agreeing to supply Egypt and Saudi Arabia with advanced weapons, Washington will have great difficulty in restraining other eager suppliers to adopt a policy of restraint. Why should French, British, or Soviet firms be shut out of the lucrative arms market in the Middle East while American firms rake in the profits? In addition, while Egypt and Saudi Arabia do not represent a current threat to Israel, the long-term fear of revolutions in these states which could result in a situation in which these weapons would be turned towards the Jewish state is ever-present in Israel.

Israeli fears have been increased by the cold U.S. responses to requests for assistance. Emergency aid to cover the costs of the war has been reduced to $650 million, and payment for the Patriot missiles is still under negotiations. Israel has no more funds for increased defence expenditures, and a continuing regional arms race will force a major reassessment of defence policy, with renewed emphasis on pre-emption. This policy will not contribute to the American goal of regional stability and prevention of warfare.

In other words, now that the war is over, it seems that business is still business, and that the arms race is still on, and with renewed intensity. If the United States is serious about creating a "new regional order," it will have to alter its policies radically. — **JPFS**

(Gerald M. Steinberg is a member of the Political Science Department at Bar-Ilan University, Tel Aviv)

World

Emigration of Ethiopian Jews halted

Ethiopian Jews are treated in the medical clinic at the Israel Embassy in Addis Ababa. [Ricki Rosen photo]

TEL AVIV (JTA)—

A sudden interruption in the flow of Ethiopian Jews to Israel has aroused deep concern among Jewish officials in Israel and the United States.

Ethiopian Jews have been arriving here at the relatively high rate of about 1,000 a month since the start of the year. But last week, for the first time since early November, not one planeload of Jews from Ethiopia landed in Israel.

The Jerusalem Post on March 11 quoted an unnamed source "closely involved with bringing Ethiopian Jewry to Israel" as saying that Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile Mariam halted the departure of Jews as a ploy to get military equipment and gasoline from Israel.

The article said Mengistu needs the war materiel for his army, which has suffered several costly defeats in recent clashes with rebel forces now said to be within 300 miles of the capital, Addis Ababa.

But the Post also quoted the political counsellor at the Ethiopian Embassy here, who denied charges that Mengistu was playing his "Jewish card" to extract badly needed military supplies from Israel.

"We are not selling people, not letting them go in exchange for anything," he said. "We are letting them go as part of a program of reunification of families, as a humanitarian gesture."

The counsellor said any interruption in the emigration of Jews would be only for "technical reasons."

Foreign Ministry sources in Jerusalem also denied reports that Ethiopia halted Jewish emigration to press Israel into supplying military aid.

The government said the delay was only technical and suggested waiting a few days before drawing conclusions. The sources said Addis Ababa is experiencing severe shortages that are making the transportation of Jewish emigres difficult.

"There is not enough fuel for military vehicles there, let alone planeloads of Jews," an Israeli official said.

But officials at various Jewish agencies in New York indicated that the problem appears to be serious. One official reported that Ethiopian immigration officials had suddenly become more exacting about the type of paperwork required to process immigrants.

And in Washington, the Bush administration reportedly was asked by Israeli officials and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations to discuss the problem with Ethiopian officials.

The flow of olim from Ethiopia has been an on-again-off-again affair since it resumed in March 1990, a few months after Ethiopia re-established diplomatic relations with Israel that it severed during the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

About 2,000 arrived between March and May 1990, but the outflow was suddenly halted last summer. It resumed last November, after Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir sent a special envoy, Uri Lubrani, to Addis Ababa.

The Ethiopian government said on Nov. 1 that all Jews were free to leave for Israel and pledged their movement would not be interrupted. That pledge appeared to be holding until the flights to Israel came to a halt last week amid the deteriorating situation in the capital.

The source quoted by the Jerusalem Post claimed to have learned from U.S. diplomats that Washington, long at odds with the Mengistu regime, urged Israel to refrain from sending war supplies to Ethiopia. When emigration was halted last summer, there were allegations in the U.S. Congress that Mengistu was trying to get cluster bombs from Israel.

Ethiopian Jewish leaders in Israel have expressed fear that Jews still in the African country may be trapped and in serious danger if rebel forces overrun Addis Ababa. The rebels blame Israel for arming Mengistu.

Most of the Ethiopian emigres arriving here are reuniting with family members brought to Israel by the clandestine airlift from Sudan in 1984, known as "Operation Moses."

It was halted by the Sudanese authorities early in 1985 because of leaks to the media. "Operation Moses" brought an estimated 10,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel.

Jakobovits wins top religion prize

NEW YORK —

The Rt. Hon. Lord Jakobovits, Chief Rabbi of Great Britain and the Commonwealth, has won the 1991 Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion.

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The Templeton Prize, awarded annually to a living person who has advanced humankind's understanding of God, is worth about $800,000 U.S. and is the world's most valuable prize.

Lord Jakobovits will receive the award in London from Prince Philip on May 7 at a private ceremony at Buckingham Palace. Public ceremonies in connection with the presentation will take place in Toronto on May 27 and Vancouver on May 29.

In a statement delivered at the press conference, Lord Jakobovits said, "I am grateful beyond words for this signal honor, particularly so as I am the first Jewish recipient in a long line of illustrious honorees. It is my intention to use the funds now available to me to encourage original religious thought and to support the pioneering of new and creative projects to deepen spiritual awareness."

Immanuel Jakobovits, born in 1921 in Konisberg, Germany, fled the Nazi terror at age 15 and went to London as a refugee. When he was 20 he occupied his first pulpit and by 1947 was minister of the Great Synagogue of London. While at the Great Synagogue, Jakobovits visited Palestine and began a lifelong campaign against violence and against the polarization between religious and secular Jews and between Jews and Arabs.

In 1967, he was appointed Chief Rabbi of Great Britain and the Commonwealth. After the Six Day War, Jakobovits again stirred controversy when he declared that there were no religious impediments to territorial concessions for the sake of peace, provided Israel's security was insured. In 1978, he chided "intransigent" religious groups in Israel that opposed the Israel and Egypt peace accords.

In 1975, he became the first rabbi from a non-communist country to visit the Soviet Union, where he negotiated with Soviet officials for Jewish religious and cultural rights. In 1989, he successfully challenged Joseph Cardinal Glemp of Poland on the Cardinal's position allowing a convent to be maintained at the site of Auschwitz.

In 1981, he was knighted Sir Immanuel by Queen Elizabeth II. He was created Baron Jakobovits of Regent's Park by the Queen in 1988, becoming the first rabbi in history to sit in the House of Lords.

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1. **The 1991 Annual Meeting of the Jewish National Fund of Canada** will be held in **Ottawa, Ontario,** at the **Jewish Community Centre, 151 Chapel Street, Ottawa, Ontario** on **Sunday, May 5, 1991** at **12:30 p.m.**

2. All members of the Jewish National Fund of Canada (Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel Inc.) are invited to submit nominations for directors and/or officers whose term of office is due to expire. Such nominations should be addressed to:

   Mr. Alexander (Bobby) Mayers, Chairman, 1991 Nominating Committee, 1980 Sherbrooke Street West, Suite 500, Montreal, Que. H3H 1E8

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JAPAN BARS TRANSIT OF JEWISH REFUGEES

TOKYO, March 17, 1941 (JTA) —

Acting upon instructions from Tokyo, the Japanese Consul in Moscow will discontinue issuance of transit visas to Polish Jews, whom the Soviet authorities are permitting to leave Soviet Lithuania via Siberia and Japan to overseas lands, it was learned here today.

The instructions were issued as a result of the congestion of more than 2,000 Jewish refugees from Lithuania, all holders of Polish passports, who are now congregated in Kobe and are in no position to proceed to the overseas countries for which they have started out. Almost all the 2,000 refugees have become dependent on relief. The Kobe Jewish community, which counts only 26 families, has secured temporary relief funds from the Joint Distribution Committee in New York.

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THREE JEWS TAKE LIVES IN KRAKOW

ZURICH, March 17, 1941 (JTA) —

Three old Jews, including a former clerk of the Krakow Jewish community, have committed suicide by coal gas in Krakow, the Nazi newspaper Goniec Krakowski reports.

According to the Litzmannstaedter Zeitung, 17 Jews and Poles in Lodz were sentenced by a special court to terms at hard labor ranging between two and seven years for transportation of food into the ghetto. In the case of the Poles, the charge was bringing food into the ghetto, and in the case of the Jews, receiving it.

Governor Fischer of Warsaw has issued a decree forbidding Jews to change their residence, even within the ghetto, without permission of the Nazi authorities. Those violating the order are subject to 3,000 zlotys' fine and three months' imprisonment at hard labor.

The increasing tendency among the Poles to help to alleviate the sufferings of Jews in the Warsaw ghetto by secret donations of food or clothing, which are sometimes simply thrown over the ghetto walls when direct access is barred, has caused the German authorities to decree heavier penalties for such acts of generosity, according to a report in Dziennyk Polski.

Poles who aid Jews in this manner are now liable to a fine of 1,000 zlotys as well as three months' hard labor.

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COMMUNISTS LAUNCH DRIVE AGAINST JEWISH SABBATH

STOCKHOLM, March 18, 1941 (JTA) —

A problem has arisen in State services in Soviet-held Lithuania in connection with Jewish officials who refuse to work Saturdays, it was reported here today.

Thousands of Jews are employed in co-operatives and other government institutions. While generally the Lithuanian press does not attack Sabbath observers, a group of Jewish Communists is campaigning against them, demanding that religious Jews either work on Saturdays or resign.

The position of many former Jewish leaders is tragic. Among those lining up daily at the labor exchange, without prospect of obtaining work other than snow-shoveling, are Aba Yedidya, former president of the ORT and member of the Kaunas Jewish Relief board, and other members of the board.

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TUBERCULOSIS REPORTED

GENEVA, March 18, 1941 (JTA) —

Poor dwellings and lack of food were reported here today as being responsible for the increasing prevalence of "the white plague" among the Jews in Nazi-held Poland.

The report, which quotes data secured from the TOZ Jewish Health Society in Warsaw, reveals that during the last week alone about 250 cases of tuberculosis were registered by the TOZ in the Warsaw ghetto, while in the city of Czenstochowa the TOZ must take care of some 2,000 Jewish consumptives. About 2,000 Jewish patients are also maintained by the TOZ in Otwock. The number of Jewish consumptives registered with the TOZ in Warsaw and in Lublin reaches many thousands.

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ANTI-SEMITIC PLACARDS APPEAR IN MEXICO CITY

MEXICO CITY, March 18, 1941 (JTA) —

Anti-Semitic placards calling on Mexicans "to get rid of the Jews" have suddenly made their appearance on the walls in the principal streets of the city, provoking anxiety among the Jewish population.

Bush rejects peace role for the PLO

WASHINGTON (JTA)

U.S. President George Bush, declaring again that the Palestine Liberation Organization was on the wrong side in the Persian Gulf War, is showing his determination to exclude the PLO in the current effort to revive the Middle East peace process.

Bush has not forgiven the PLO and its leader, Yasser Arafat, for supporting Iraq's Saddam Hussein in his aggressive takeover of Kuwait.

"He simply bet on the wrong horse," Bush said of Arafat, after meeting with French President Francois Mitterrand in Martinique last Thursday.

Bush said that the United States does not plan to resume its dialogue with the PLO that was broken off last June, when Arafat refused to condemn an abortive terrorist attack on a Tel Aviv beach by a PLO splinter group, the Palestine Liberation Front.

"We are not writing off anything," Bush said. "But we don't have any intention of resuming our dialogue" with the PLO.

Mitterrand repeated the French view that it was up to the Palestinians to select their own representatives and they still appeared to want Arafat and the PLO.

Bush was even more vehement on the subject of the PLO's backing of Iraq at a news conference in Ottawa March 13, after meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

Arafat and the PLO "chose the wrong side — boy, did they choose it wrong," Bush said, adding that Arafat had supported Saddam Hussein "overzealously" and had gone "far beyond where he had to go."

Bush and Mulroney agreed that Arafat's actions had decreased the Palestinian's credibility in the eyes of those countries that made up the military coalition against Iraq.

"I think the credibility of the leadership of the PLO is zero," Mulroney said.

Arafat's credibility is reportedly even lower among the Arab countries, especially Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, which had been the chief bankrollers of the PLO. They have indicated that they will not support the PLO as long as Arafat leads it.

Bush expressed the hope that something can come out of that organization "that will be more reasonable."

But when Secretary of State James Baker met with Palestinians from the West Bank in Jerusalem on March 12, they reportedly rejected his proposal that they talk directly to Israel.

Mitterrand expressed his continued support for an international conference to solve the Palestinian problem. But Bush indicated that the French have agreed to first allow the United States to try to get the peace process moving.

Bush said that he and Mitterrand have not agreed on any specific approach. "The United States has expressed its opinion on an international conference over and over again, saying that at the right time it could be useful."

He said Mitterrand has also proposed some ideas that "could be useful." But Bush added that they have not yet agreed "on one path, one single approach to try to solve the Palestine-Israel question. It is very important that it be solved."

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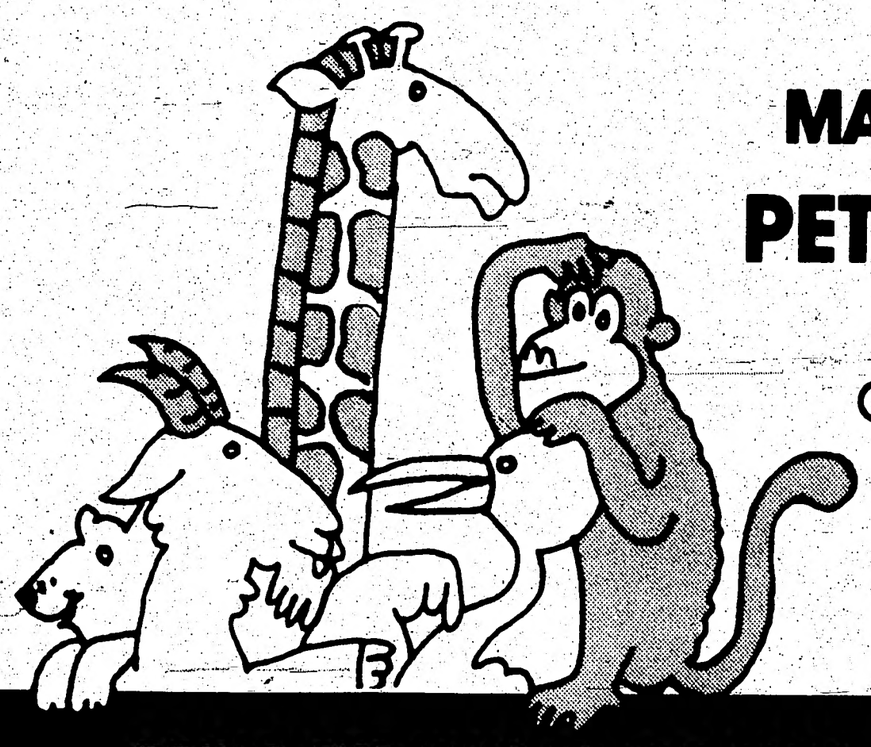

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IDF vet gets top sentence

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Ami Popper, a dishonorably discharged Israel Defence Force veteran who killed seven Arabs and wounded 10 in an unprovoked armed attack near Rishon le-Zion last May 20, received the maximum prison sentence Sunday.

Family members rioted in court for an hour after the district judge imposed seven cumulative life sentences for the premeditated murder of each victim, plus 20 years for the attempted murder of an unspecified number of others.

The dead and wounded were Palestinian day laborers from the Gaza Strip, who had been waiting in a field outside Rishon le-Zion early on a Sunday morning to be picked up by Israeli employers when Popper opened fire on them.

According to the charges, Popper, wearing his brother's IDF uniform, systematically sprayed the workers with automatic fire from a Galil assault rifle.

The killings re-ignited the then 29-month-old intifada, which had been waning. They touched off riots in normally quiescent Israeli Arab communities such as Nazareth, Taiba, Kfar Sava and parts of East Jerusalem.

The worst rioting took place in the Gaza Strip, where at least 17 Palestinians were killed and 700 wounded in two days of pitched battles with the IDF.

The incident severely embarrassed Israel abroad. The word was put out that Popper, dismissed from the IDF for misconduct sometime before the shooting, was mentally deranged.

But a series of psychiatric examinations by defence-approved experts found him fit to stand trial.

The accused sat quietly until sentence was pronounced, when he began to pound the table with his fist.

When he was ordered removed from the court, Popper's grandfather, who has a heart ailment, began to rant against the judges until he nearly collapsed and was taken away in an ambulance.

Popper's sister and other family members went into a frenzy. They cursed the judges and the prosecuting team, which was headed by an attorney who burst into tears.

The judges expressed horror at the cold-blooded murders.

In response to Popper's claim that his finger had gotten "stuck" in the trigger, the court pointed out that he had poured indiscriminate fire into his victims, pausing to change magazines, and then resumed shooting until his bullets ran out.

Popper fled the scene but was arrested some hours later.

According to the judges, his act was "one of the most horrid, senseless crimes ever committed in Israel, contrary to all human behavior or Jewish values."

Women of the Wall sues government for denying their religious expression

JERUSALEM(JTA) — Women demanding the right to worship as a group at the Western Wall had their day in court.

But the Feb. 27 hearing before a three-judge panel of the High Court of Justice was completely overshadowed by the euphoria attending the end of the Persian Gulf War, although the outcome of deliberations could profoundly affect the nature of Israeli society.

The Women of the Wall, an Israeli group, and its overseas support organization, the International Committee for Women of the Kotel, are suing the Israeli government, the Chief Rabbinate and the Israeli police for failing to secure the women's right of religious expression and freedom of access to the most holy site of the Jewish faith.

The women appealed to the High Court two years ago, demanding the right to pray at the Wall as a group, with Torah scroll and prayer shawls. Their appeal followed an encounter at the Wall during which the women were cursed and physically assaulted by traditionalist Orthodox Jews, male and female.

The authorities have since criminalized the vocal chanting of prayers and touching of sacred objects by women anywhere in the huge Western Wall plaza.

The women, who say they do nothing that violates Halacha, or traditional Jewish law, have accused the authorities of blatant discrimination against women and pandering to the prejudices of the most unyielding Orthodox groups.

The High Court bench was occupied by the president of the court, Meir Shamgar, flanked by Justices Menahem Elon and Shlomo Levin.

The women are represented by Arnold Spaer, one of Israel's foremost legal experts.

The state and the religious establishment have deployed their legal heavy artillery in the persons of Deputy State Prosecutor Nilli Arad; Menahem Terlo, representing the religious political parties, all of which are part of the Likud-led coalition government; and Rabbi Simha Meron, representing a group of rabbis.

Their basic argument is that the women disrupt public order because their very presence at the site arouses angry emotions. The state also contends that the court is in no position to adjudicate an issue of such emotional religious impact.

Spaer contended that the state's actions were arbitrary, inasmuch as the Western Wall is not a synagogue nor is it the possession of one faction or another, but rather a holy site sacred to all Jews. He pointed out that there are no laws that govern prayer at the site.

Spaer also argued that since the State of Israel is the protector and guarantor of freedom of access to many sites holy to several religions, it is unprecedented to allow one faction or denomination in a religion to impose its practice on others of the same faith at a holy site.

The state's brief contained the opinions of several current and former chief rabbis of Israel, and other rabbis who decried women's prayers as "the work of the devil" and "desecration."

Some of the rabbis' statements denounced the women as "stubborn" and "heretics."

Most shocking, according to the plaintiffs, was the state's inclusion of a statement by one rabbi that "when women create their own congregation, the *shechinah* (divine presence) is not present."

"The state's brief is a mixture of misinformation about what the women do and blatant misogyny parading in the mantle of Torah," Women of the Wall contended in a written statement.

"It is an affront to Jewish women and a betrayal of the promise of Israel as the spiritual home of all Jews," the groups said.

The court adjourned without setting a date for its next hearing.

Meanwhile, the women are barred from praying according to their custom. But they do meet every Friday morning for a demonstrative prayer session at the Western Wall.

On Rosh Chodesh, the start of the new month on the Hebrew calender, they gather to pray at an archaeological garden above the Wall with a Torah and wearing prayer shawls.

General guilty of criminal conduct

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A military court must decide shortly whether to accept the plea bargain of Brig. Gen. Rami Dotan, former head of the Israel air force purchasing mission in New York, who was arrested last October.

Dotan was found guilty Sunday of serious criminal conduct by a special court martial sitting at Israel Defence Force general headquarters.

According to Dotan's attorneys, he is prepared to confess, among other things, to 12 counts of corruption, bribery, illegally absconding with at least $12 million in defence ministry funds and conspiracy to murder.

He promises to return all of the money illegally obtained, co-operate with the military investigation and name his accomplices.

He will accept in exchange a maximum 13-year prison sentence, reduction in rank to private and a dishonorable discharge.

Another reported condition is that the prosecution will neither implicate nor take legal action against Dotan's wife, who reportedly was privy to some of his activities.

But the military court, presided over by Brig. Gen. Nili Peled, postponed a decision after hearing summations by the prosecution and defence Sunday and a closed-door interview with Dotan.

The 46-year-old general is the most senior IDF officer ever to stand trial on charges of such gravity. His alleged misconduct has deeply shocked the defence establishment.

Apart from fraud and embezzlement, he is accused of conspiracy to induce an IDF sergeant major, the highest rank of non-commissioned officer, to murder the so-called "whistle-blower" in the case, Ofer Pa'il.

Pa'il, who worked at the purchasing mission in New York under Dotan's command in the mid-1980s, first brought Dotan's activities to the attention of the authorities.

Dotan was also charged with destroying evidence, tampering with evidence and improper behavior.

Although he is said to have returned some $10 million of stolen funds and U.S. officials are said to have laid their hands on another $2 million, that is believed to be only a portion of Dotan's illegal gains.

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IDF GETS NEW CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE

Maj.-Gen. Uri Saguy became the Israel Defence Force's chief of military intelligence Friday, succeeding Maj.-Gen. Amnon Shahak, who has been promoted to IDF deputy chief of staff.

Saguy, who has commanded IDF ground forces for the past five years, takes over the army intelligence corps at a delicate time. It has come under criticism recently for failing to give due warning of Iraq's Scud threat.

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FEB. INFLATION

Israel's cost-of-living index rose by 0.6 per cent in February, the second-lowest increase in the past 12 months, according to statistics released Friday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

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JOBLESS SOARING

A record 121,600 job-seekers registered at Israel's Government Employment Service last month, up 16.9 per cent from 109,500 in January. The Ministry of Labor said most of the increase stemmed from new immigrants who recently finished ulpan and are now looking for work.

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MISR LOVES COMPANY

A joint Israeli-Egyptian tourism promotion program launched several months ago has aquired new importance in the post Gulf War era. "We want to project the idea that this part of the world is not a war zone," said Israeli Ministry of Tourism spokesman Yosef Shoval.

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DEATH PENALTY REJECTED

A private member's bill introduced by Likud MK Tsahi Hanegbi providing the death penalty for terrorists was rejected in its preliminary reading in the Knesset last Wednesday, after a stormy debate.

Labor chairman Haim Ramon told his colleagues: "Hanegbi is trying to make cheap political capital out of human tragedies. The death penalty will not bring terrorism to an end."

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DON'T BET ON EILAT CASINO

Israel's religious parties have attacked a plan to build a casino in Eilat.

Palestinian workers to be allowed in Tel Aviv

JERUSALEM (JPFS)

West Bank and Gaza Strip Arabs will be able to work in the Tel Aviv and Haifa areas, the defence ministry has announced. The move is expected to bring the number of Palestinians legally working in Israel to the pre-war level of between 40,000 and 50,000.

At first, workers in the Tel Aviv and Haifa areas will only be able to work in construction, industry and health services, and only if they are employed in a group of at least 10, the ministry said.

This rules out the return of Palestinians to work in hotels and restaurants and will make it easier for the authorities to check the whereabouts of workers from the territories. Employers will be responsible for transporting workers daily to and from the territories.

The move comes amid fears of increased nationalist violence within the Green Line. On Feb. 10, a male nurse from the Gaza Strip without a worker's permit, stabbed four Israeli women to death in Jerusalem. Unknown attackers hiding in bushes in a Nes Ziona orchard fired several shots at a group of Arab workers Saturday evening, wounding a 43-year-old man from Beit Lahiya in the leg while he was trimming branches.

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Sharon withdraws his resignation

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Housing Minister Ariel Sharon on March 13 withdrew his resignation as chairman of the committee on immigrant absorption, saying the reasons that motivated him to quit no longer applied.

Sharon, who announced his resignation March 10, had blasted the Industry and Trade Ministry for failing to provide sufficient jobs for immigrants from the Soviet Union and had accused Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of lukewarm backing for his policies.

Sources close to the prime minister's office said Sharon withdrew his resignation when he learned that Shamir planned to appoint Industry and Trade Minister Moshe Nissim, the very man he criticized, to replace him as chairman of the absorption committee.

His return to the panel also followed Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i's decision on March 12 to restore recent cuts in the subsidies new immigrants receive during their first year in the country.

The move brought the stipend back to its previous level of 17,000 shekels in cash and services for a family of three. That is equivalent to about $7,750 under the new exchange rate set after the shekel's devaluation last week.

Sharon claimed that it was he who had convinced the finance minister to act. He also said Shamir had promised him more support and additional powers and that he was assured the government would act vigorously to relieve unemployment among new olim.

Despite the acute housing shortage, lack of jobs is said to be the main cause of dissatisfaction among immigrants. Sharon said he is now satisfied that measures will be taken to tackle the problem.

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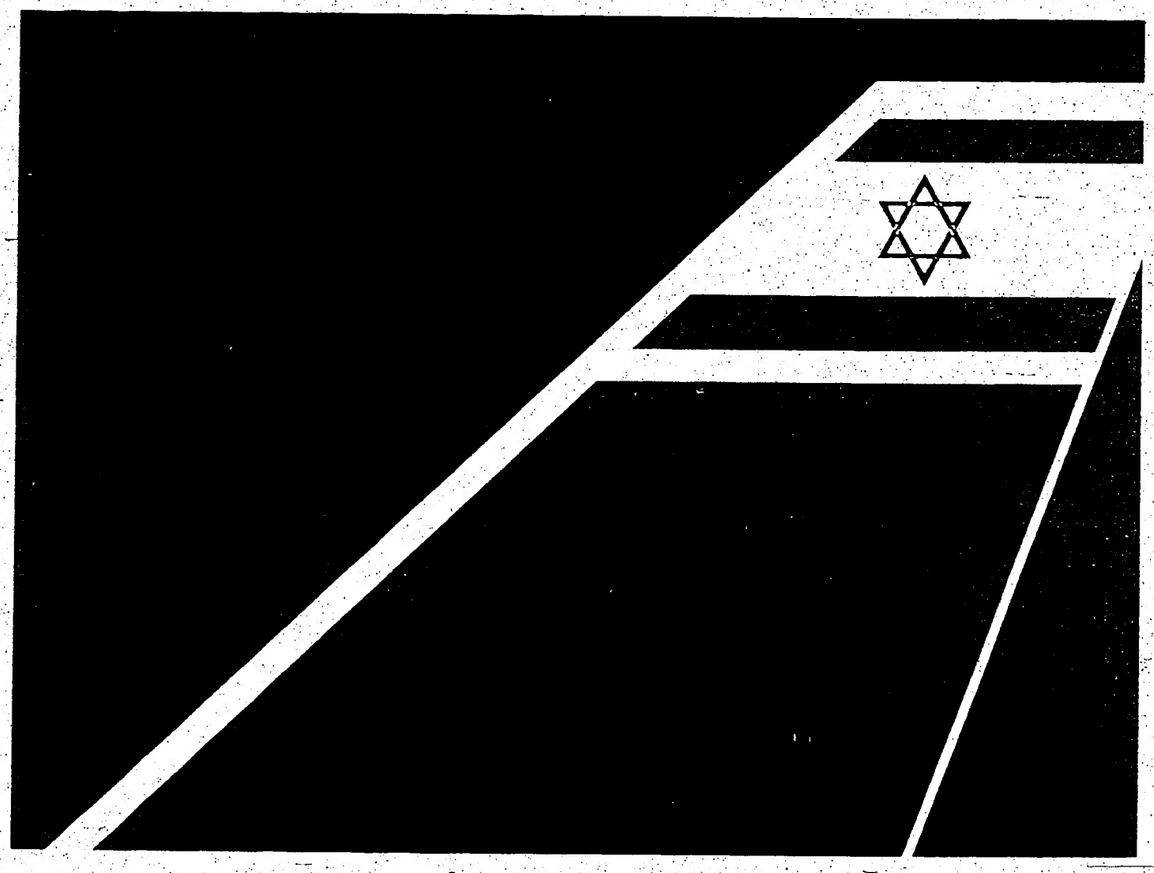

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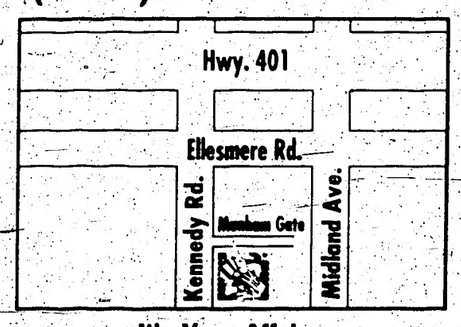

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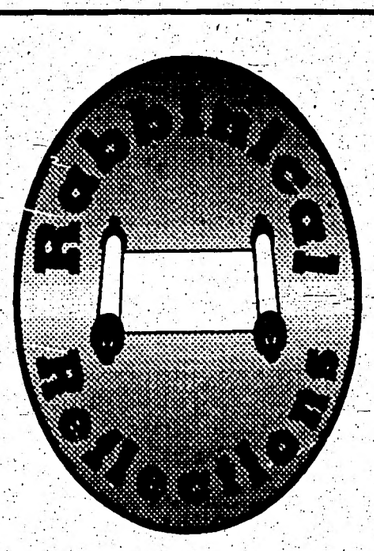

By
RABBI JOSEPH KELMAN

One of the gratifying features about the coming holiday of Pesach is to see the meticulous care that Jewish families take to celebrate it properly.

It begins with making sure that the foods that we are going to be eating on Pesach are indeed "kosher for Pesach" as certified by legitimate rabbinic authorities.

We also have the ideal situation where families come together as a unit and celebrate the seder with proper rituals and laws, in keeping with Jewish law and tradition.

While we celebrate Pesach for seven days in Israel and eight days in the Diaspora, in reality it is mentioned every day in our prayers. This is our way of expressing gratitude for freedom that the Jewish people achieved after years of slavery.

Thus, one of the purposes of the celebration of Pesach is to let it serve as an inspiration for the rest of the year, not only in our prayers but in our way of life.

Since that time of slavery Jewish people have always had a passion for justice which continues to manifest itself to this very day in our concern for the oppressed and underprivileged throughout the world. There is another lesson that we can learn from Pesach.

This is my constant hope, that Jewish families should continue to show the same enthusiasm, zeal and meticulous attention to the observance of Shabbat, Kashruth and all other Mitzvot that regulate our Jewish lifestyle as they do for Pesach.

We are fortunate to live in Canada, part of the North American Jewish community which is perhaps the largest and most affluent of all Jewish communities of all times. Jews came to the "goldene medina" to escape the political and economic oppression of Eastern Europe and by dint of their hard work achieved success in various spheres of life — education, commerce, government, etc.

However, freedom for the Jew brought certain negative features: many began to pick and choose and decide for themselves which particular holiday to celebrate more than another and which mitzva to observe with great care and which not.

The Jewish community also was not able to establish the same universally accepted rabbinic authorities as was the case in Eastern Europe.

As a result, in various communities throughout North America, including Toronto, there have been self-appointed individuals with questionable rabbinic credentials.

Thus on Pesach we should make sure that the food is supervised by recognized rabbinic authorities. In addition, throughout the year we should be equally careful in receiving proper guidance in the observance of our Jewish life. This is especially true when it comes to conversion, marriage and divorce.

Conversion has never been an easy task for rabbinic authorities. Ideally the convert must come to Judaism with no ulterior motives. Today, with the increase in intermarriage, there are many would-be converts who are not readily accepted by rabbinic authorities who question their intentions and commitment.

Therefore, they seek out spiritual leaders whose credentials are in question and not recognized by the community for a quick, easy road to conversion. Later on they will discover that the conversion is not recognized as being a bonafide one.

This is most regrettable, but at least it can be rectified by undergoing a second proper conversion. What is more tragic is when innocent people are misled into going to these practitioners for a Jewish divorce — Get. Sometimes it is even done without the knowledge of their own partners.

This is against Jewish law making the Get completely invalid, often leading to irreversible hardships. There are many other laws which are disregarded and can lead to very tragic consequences.

Toronto is in many ways an ideal Jewish community. Close to 50 per cent of our Jewish population belong to synagogues. It is the unaffiliated who should be aware that there are recognized rabbinic groups in Toronto who would be happy to give proper information to any Jewish family in all areas of Jewish life.

This year, with the successful conclusion of the Gulf War, we shall be celebrating Pesach with great happiness as we enjoy the freedom of our life here. May we continue to take advantage of it and realize that our Jewish way of life, properly observed and celebrated, can enhance our freedom and add meaning to it.

Chag Kasher V'Sameach to all!

(Rabbi Joseph Kelman is the spiritual leader at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue and chairman, Toronto Board of Rabbis.)

Religion in crisis: Jakobovits

By
RABBI IMMANUEL JAKOBOVITS

On March 6, it was announced that the Rt. Hon. Lord Jakobovits, Chief Rabbi of Great Britain and the Commonwealth, was the recipient of the 1991 Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion. Rabbi Jakobovits wrote the following on acceptance of the prize.

For the past several weeks, my mind has been stretched to the limit in the search for words and thoughts which would reflect my emotions at what is a supreme moment in my life. Slowly, some paragraphs surfaced in my mind to express my sense of exhilaration, and my boundless gratitude to the founder and judges of the Templeton Foundation, as well as some plans for the deployment of my new resources to pioneer innovative projects in keeping with the Templeton ethos and my own visions and quest to apply our timeless religious teachings to our modern conditions.

Then, with the climax of the cataclysmic events (recently), I had to scrap all this. For the Templeton Prize had to my mind assumed an altogether new meaning and new urgency, with both the present plight of religion and the challenge to religion.

Religion is in crisis; it has a lot to answer for. The most intractable conflicts in the world, such as the ongoing troubles in Northern Ireland and in the Middle East, are at root religious conflicts. These have now been superseded by the ultimate obscenity of a "holy war" involving the most monstrous desecration of human life, and called holy only because its ultimate target were innocent civilians in the Holy Land.

And yet, religion may still turn out to be the most vital element in the regeneration of civilized life and birth of a better world.

There can be no brotherhood of man without the Fatherhood of God, as has been so dramatically illustrated by the collapse of communism.

Drawing from a few examples for the topical application of religious teachings:

The eternal symbol of peace is the dove. It goes back to the biblical story of Noah emerging from the ark after the Flood, with the dove announcing that there was now peace between Heaven and earth. Why the dove? Before the invention of the telegraph and radio, the pigeon was the long-distance carrier of messages.

The message is clear: You cannot have peace without communicating, without dialogue between faiths, between nations and races. The modern dialogues were spawned by the great religions, and religion must once again become the principle communicator and conciliator to bridge division and estrangement.

Our forthcoming Festival of Passover celebrates our national liberation from centuries of cruel bondage. Yet when we recite our Psalms of Thanksgiving, we read them in full only for the first two days; on the remaining six days we abridge them as though reducing them to half-mast, as a sign of mourning, reflecting God's sentiments: "My creatures drown in the Red Sea, and will you sing songs?"

Religion must teach us to feel the anguish even of our enemies, to be stirred by the cries of the injured and the bereaved and the oppressed.

Only through the power of religion will we learn how to place the value of human life above the profits from the trade in arms, and teach us that the care for the discipline of decency must supercede the pleasures of lustful indulgence.

Also out of religious faith springs hope — hope that our problems can be solved. Despair is the greatest enemy of human progress; the patient who does not believe in his own recovery can often negate the help of the best doctors and nurses on earth.

There are those who say Jews and Arabs will never live peacefully together. They have forgotten their history. The Middle Ages — the most creative period in the advance of science, philosophy, medicine and other disciplines — grew out of the intimate partnership between Jews and Arabs in Muslim Spain, North Africa and elsewhere.

The greatest of them all was Maimonides, the leading expert on Jewish law, philosophy and medicine, who wrote most of his works in Arabic, and who included in his ethical rules the insistence on moderation, the golden middle way that avoids extremes.

In accepting this coveted prize, I hope I will prove worthy of the trust reposed in me to elevate religion — religious faith, religious refinement and religious discipline — as the indispensable pathway to the fulfilment of the vision which no literary or poetic or artistic genius, but only a religious seer could have inspired — the vision from Isaiah inscribed in the U.N. building as its motto: "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, and nations shall not lift up swords against nations, and they shall teach war no more."

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Monte Kwinter [Graphic Artists photo]

May run in York Centre

Kwinter ponders federal seat

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Wilson Heights Liberal MPP Monte Kwinter is eyeing the federal seat of York Centre, which will be up for grabs when Robert Kaplan steps down after the next general election.

"I'm certainly looking at it," Kwinter told The CJN from Florida, where he was vacationing last week. "But I'm a long way from making a decision."

Until 1985, Kwinter was president of the York Centre Liberal riding association and he's been active in the riding for over 30 years.

Last month, Kaplan, a former solicitor-general, announced he would not seek re-election to the seat, which he's held for the federal Liberals since 1974.

Kwinter, who was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 1985, served as minister of industry, trade and technology when the Liberals were ousted by the NDP last fall.

Wilson Heights has the highest Jewish population of any provincial riding, at about 50 per cent.

Kwinter notes that York Centre and Wilson Heights overlap by about one-third, and the constituencies have much in common.

York Centre is bounded by the Don River on the east, Black Creek Drive on the west, Steeles Avenue on the north and south to the 401.

Wilson Heights has the same north-south boundaries but is narrower in the middle, extending from Bathurst Street west to Dufferin Street.

Kwinter is no stranger to federal politics.

In 1984, he served as former federal Liberal leader John Turner's floor manager during the leadership convention.

Last summer, Kwinter was floor manager again for Jean Chretien, the current Liberal leader.

As for committing to run for the federal seat, "it's too early to tell," Kwinter says.

"But I've always said that if I ever ran federally, it would be in York Centre."

Some insiders tout Kwinter as a potential cabinet minister if he's elected federally and the Liberals form the next government.

Gender mixup

OTTAWA —
In the article about Ottawa community activist Stephen Victor (The CJN, March 7), there is the mistaken statement that he has two sons. In fact, Mr. Victor has two daughters, Jodie and Andrea. We apologize for any inconvenience or embarrassment this may have caused.

Family violence confronted

MONTREAL —
Secretary of State and Multiculturalism and Citizenship Minister Gerry Weiner recently announced $7.7 million to deal with family violence issues and promote institutional change.

This funding is part of a joint effort among six federal departments for which $136 million in new funds will be made available over the next four years.

The statement by Weiner, also minister responsible for the status of disabled persons, followed an earlier announcement by the minister of health and welfare, dealing with overall family violence.

"It is a sad but real fact that family violence preys upon those who are the most vulnerable in our society, because of their sex, age, cultural background or by reason of disability," said Weiner.

According to a 1988 study for the Disabled Women's Network of Canada, which looked at the needs of Canadian women with disabilities, 43 per cent of all respondents had been raped, abused or assaulted. The study revealed that 53 per cent of women who were disabled at birth or during childhood had been abused. The study found that women who became disabled later in life were less likely to have been abused. It also pointed out that women with multiple disabilities were the most likely to suffer abuse.

The new family violence initiative represents a long-term action by the federal government.

"In addition to action in areas of federal jurisdiction, the federal government will continue to seek partnerships with other levels of government, non-governmental organizations, professional associations, community groups and with Canada's private sector to identify, treat and prevent problems in the area of family violence," said Weiner.

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Canadians make aliya again

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —
Now that the Gulf War and Saddam Hussein's Scud threat is over, the trickle of Canadian Jews making aliya has resumed.

Rena Cohen, a 50-year-old Toronto divorcee, left last Wednesday for Safed.

Having worked in sales and marketing here, Cohen said she would now like to operate a bed-and-breakfast in the Upper Galilee town of 18,000.

Cohen was the second new immigrant to Israel this year from Toronto. A further nine individuals or families are booked to leave by the end of April, says the Israel Aliya Centre here.

A Calgary native living in Toronto since 1983, Cohen (nee Dvorkin) called

Rena Cohen

her move a natural progression from decades of Jewish community work beginning with B'nai Brith Girls and leading to Hadassah, UJA, and Soviet Jewry.

"I figure if Russians can go, so can I. If you've been saying 'Let my people go' for so many years, why shouldn't I be one of them?"

An amateur water color painter with an interest in Judaism, Cohen said she was attracted to Safed by its eclectic artists colony and religious community.

Her first priority is studying Hebrew at ulpan, she said. She also plans to enrol at Machon Alte, a women's seminary offering classes in basic Jewish texts in various languages.

Calling herself a "realist," Cohen explained she has visited Israel 10 times. In her first tour, in 1959, she swore she could never live there. Last year she returned on a pre-immigration pilot trip.

With her four children grown, but still unfettered by grandchildren, Cohen said "It's my turn now."

For more information about opportunities in Israel, call the Israel Aliya Centre at (416) 633-4766.

Memory explored at lecture

TORONTO —
A lecture on memory will be given by Dr. Fergus Craik, an experimental psychologist and expert on human memory, who will be the guest speaker at a public health forum sponsored by the women's auxiliary of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Dr. Craik is a professor of psychology at the University of Toronto. He is also an associate scientist with the Rotman Research Institute of Baycrest Centre, where he is investigating how memory is affected by normal aging. One of his current projects involves source amnesia, a type of memory loss where people are able to recognize a person but can't recall how or where they met.

Dr. Craik's lecture is the first in a series of annual public forums which are being sponsored by the Baycrest women's auxiliary. It will take place on Monday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the recreation room of Baycrest Hospital, Ben and Hilda Katz Building, 3560 Bathurst Street, North York.

Gerry Gangbar of the women's auxiliary says her group decided to sponsor the series in co-operation with the Rotman Research Institute as a way to share important information with the public.

"Our researchers share their knowledge with other scientists regularly via academic and scientific presentations and through papers published in professional journals," she says.

Dr. Fergus Craik

Gangbar believes the topic of the first lecture should hold broad appeal. "Many of us are concerned about our memory, especially as we age."

The public is welcome to attend the lecture, and admission is free.

Crown attorney drops all charges against riding official Flicht

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
Three counts of breaking provincial election financing laws, laid last year against Morris Flicht, the former vice-president and treasurer of the Wilson Heights Liberal Association, were withdrawn by the Crown last Friday.

The Crown also dropped two charges of violating the Election Finances Act against the riding association.

"I feel I've been vindicated," said Flicht, a retired chartered accountant. "This never should have come to court."

Riding association president Tim Danson, a lawyer who handled Flicht's case, praised the attorney-general for dropping the charges.

But he blasted the Commission on Election Finances for laying them.

"If you start prosecuting people who are volunteers, the result will be that good people will be discouraged from participating in the election process," Danson said.

It was "totally insensitive and reactionary" for the commission to charge Flicht, he added.

The withdrawal of the charges came just days before former Liberal fund raiser Patti Starr's trial began this past Monday.

Starr is charged with 33 counts of violating the Election Finances Act for allegedly making improper contributions to the political campaigns of several candidates, mostly Liberals, in the 1987 provincial election.

Starr, the one-time head of a charitable foundation associated with the National Council of Jewish Women (Toronto section), also faces 11 counts of fraud. The preliminary hearing into those charges begins April 22.

The charges against Flicht, who served as Wilson Heights' chief financial officer during the 1987 election, alleged he "knowingly" accepted a rented car for use by the riding's MPP, Monte Kwinter; that he made a false statement to the Commission on Election Finances; and that he accepted a cheque for $750 — the legal limit for campaign contributions — on behalf of the riding from The Bait Corporation, the name given to the NCJW (Toronto section's) capital fund, and then issued a receipt in the name of Patricia Starr.

The cheque, dated Sept. 1, 1988 and signed by "P. Starr," was issued by The Bait Corporation, using Council House's address, 4700 Bathurst St.

On the same day in June, 1989 that the law firm of Goodman & Goodman released a report saying Starr's charity paid out some $82,000 to several prominent provincial Liberals, Flicht was advised to return the cheque to the NCJW's Toronto section and to ask Starr to return the receipt, Danson explained.

Flicht returned the cheque but Starr never returned the receipt. The riding association then wrote a cheque for $750 to the commission, Danson said.

The irregularities were not discovered until a year after the 1987 election because "there was no reason to be suspicious," Danson stated.

But he said once they were discovered, the commission was immediately informed.

In January, an election expense charge against Budget Rent-A-Car was withdrawn for lack of evidence.

The agency was charged with improperly donating the use of a car to Kwinter during the 1987 election.

So far, all election expense charges against former chief financial officers for candidates in the 1987 election have been dropped.

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Will try to change attitudes

Ontario committed towards ending elder abuse: Ziemba

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Ontario will not tolerate abuse of the elderly, says Elaine Ziemba, the minister responsible for senior citizens.

The "shocking realities" of elder abuse would likely ease if social inequities were corrected, Ziemba told a lunch-hour audience last week at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living.

Elaine Ziemba

Ziemba, whose portfolio encompasses citizenship, with special responsibilities for human rights, race relations, the disabled and senior citizens, said roughly four per cent of Canadians over 65 are either neglected or abused, whether physically or emotionally.

One reason for that, she said, is inequality in the workplace.

If women earned as much as men, they would be better able to care for themselves in their old age and be less dependent on others, the minister said.

She said her NDP government will work toward correcting social inequities and will try to change attitudes about the elderly.

Those changes are needed because by the year 2030, 25 per cent of Ontario's population will be over 65, the 80 to 84 age group will nearly double and the 85-plus group will more than double, she explained.

"Services must keep pace and adapt to the changing needs of the elderly," she said.

A special commissioner has been appointed by Ziemba's ministry to examine elder abuse in Ontario.

His report is due July 1 and it will look into abuse and neglect of the elderly in regulated as well as unregulated boarding and nursing homes in the province.

Next month, Ziemba added, government representatives from three ministries will go on the road to hear input into the NDP's revamping of long-term care in the province.

Ziemba said the New Democrats are committed to the Strategies for Change report on long-term health care reform, put forward by the previous Liberal government.

But the NDP, she said, believes "a lot was left out" of that report.

Her government feels more individuals must participate in senior citizens' concerns, more support is needed by caregivers and access to long-term care must be guaranteed.

Other priorities for the NDP, she said, include:

• "vulnerable adults," meaning the disabled and elderly. This spring, the government will introduce a comprehensive advocacy system for vulnerable adults;

• changes to various mental health acts to allow for the creation of living wills;

• and changes to health services consent laws in order to better regulate consent.

Baycrest calls for proper home care supports

TORONTO —

The provincial government must provide adequate support to family caregivers when it drafts its policy to reform the long-term care system in Ontario.

When the previous Liberal government released its strategy for long-term care reform last year, it suggested a shift away from institutionalizing the frail elderly and disabled. Instead, it proposed increasing the number of community-based services which would allow these people to be cared for at home for as long as possible.

But caregivers will need a great deal of support if the New Democratic government adopts this kind of system. Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care believes the new government must take into account certain social and demographic trends when it considers support to caregivers. For example:

— A surge in the elderly population combined with a decrease in the size of the average Canadian family means there will be a lot fewer caregivers to meet the needs of a lot more elderly people.

— Traditionally the responsibility of caring for elderly or ill family members has fallen on women — wives, daughters, daughters-in-law. But as more than 62 per cent of Canadian families are now dual-income families, fewer women are available to provide care for elderly relatives.

— Many couples, who delayed having children until they were in their 30s or 40s, many find themselves with the dual responsibility of both dependent children and dependent elderly-parents.

— Caregivers themselves are aging. Research in Canada and the United States shows that many are in their 70s and 80s and facing health problems of their own.

If the government does decide to move away from institutionalization towards a more community-based system of care, it must substantially increase its support to family caregivers.

Lack of support under a system which places even greater demands on caregivers will result in increased stress to families, neglect or abuse of the elderly and disabled, and stress-related illness in caregivers.

The New Democrats could take a leading role in this area. For example:

— Government could set an example for business and industry by providing workplace programs for its own employees. These could include telephone help-lines, worksite support groups, counselling and time off for caregiving responsibilities. This might one day lead to workplace elder-care, similar to workplace child-care which exists today.

— Tax credits and deductions could help ease the financial burden of caring for an elderly or disabled relative. Such credits and deductions are limited under the current system but could be extended to include credits for services such as adult day care.

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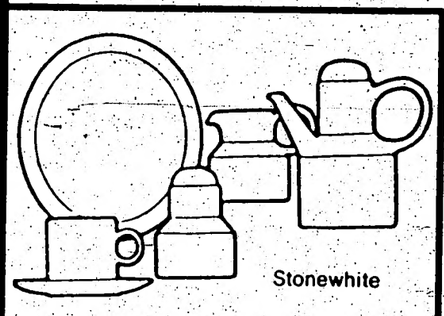

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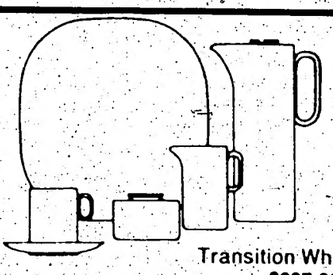

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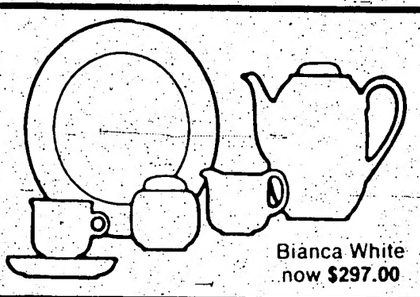

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Organizations and People

The newly elected B'nai Brith Women's Council of Toronto Board includes (from left) Freda Gottesman, vice-president; Ethy Lewbow, vice-president; Marni Collier, president; Helaine Finkelstein, president-elect; and Shavie Fagan, immediate past president.

Group praised for hard work

Collier new head of local BBW

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Friends and family of Marni Collier watched recently as she was installed as president of B'nai Brith Women's Council of Toronto at the organization's 39th annual installation of officers.

Shavie Fagan, retiring president, reviewed highlights of her term of office including programs for newly arrived Soviet immigrants and assisting in Red Cross blood donor clinics, and wished Collier luck in the coming year.

Marcia Gurman, president, BBW Canada praised B'nai Brith Women for their hard work and dedication to Jewish women, children and society as a whole. "Your volunteer hours coupled with dollars raised enable us to advance the effectiveness of women as well as the emotional well-being of children and youth."

Collier said that she will continue the work that Fagan began which included departmentalizing council into such departments as programming, public awareness, service and fund raising. "BBW is proud to have women who commit time and energy so others may benefit."

The 1991-1992 executive includes president Marni Collier; president-elect Helaine Finkelstein; vice-presidents Ethy Lebow and Freda Gottesman; treasurer Greta Miller; recording secretary Sherry Lieberman, corresponding secretary Pearl Amsterdam; board members Bunny Gross, Linda Mendelsohn and Barbara Moll; immediate past president Shavie Fagan.

Greetings were sent to BBW from North York Mayor Mel Lastman, Premier Bob Rae and Metro Chairman Allan Tonks.

Maccabi Research Centre is dedicated in honor of athletic patron Irv Ungerman

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Boxing promoter, poultry purveyor and athletic patron Irv Ungerman was honored recently for his support of Jewish sporting ventures with the opening of a special resource centre at the north branch of the Jewish Community Centre.

Friends and family were on hand earlier this week when the Irving Ungerman Maccabi Resource Centre was officially opened and jointly dedicated by the Maccabi organization and the JCC.

The centre will house memorabilia pertaining to the Maccabi world movement, its competitions in Israel, video cassettes recording sporting events, along with books, periodicals and magazines highlighting Jewish athletic endeavors, said Harold Cipin, emcee of the ceremonies.

Ungerman has been "a very proud supporter of both the JCC and Maccabi Canada," he said. "He firmly believes in the correlation between Jewish youth, athletics and the community centre. . . . He's a firm believer in the fact that today's youth are tomorrow's future and he takes tremendous pride in the athletic facilities the JCC offers to Jewish youth."

The Resource Centre, located on the main level of the JCC near the cardiac assessment clinic, should provide young people with the opportunity to see on video and through other means the participation of local and Canadian athletes at the Maccabi movement's youth games, its Pan American competition and at the movement's flagship event, the quadrennial Maccabiah Games in Israel, Cipin said.

Through the years, Ungerman has been a key supporter of the Maccabi movement and the JCC through his fund-raising activities and through his moral support for Canadian athletes which he has accompanied to the competitions in Israel, he added.

Seder planned

TORONTO —

Women in Interfaith Dialogue will hold a third seder on April 3 at 8:00 p.m. at the B'nai Brith building at 15 Hove St.

Rabbi Sharon Sobel of Holy Blossom Temple will guide round table groups in their participation in the Passover Haggadah from a feminist perspective.

The seder is being sponsored by the League for Human Rights, Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, an organization which helps to foster understanding between Christians and Jews, and Relation and Encounter, a resource centre promoting materials and encounters to encourage mutual respect and cooperative activity between Christians and Jews.

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PASSOVER FOOD

This Angel Food Cake is heavenly

By
LESLYE MICHLIN BORDEN

Everyone loves Passover — all the special foods, the extra-long Seder with lots of discussion, the sense of participation in a continuous and living history.

Because this holiday is so important, I always try to underline the occasion by preparing some dish that is as wonderful and outstanding as the holiday itself.

The kosher l'Pesach rules are compounded if one follows a low-fat, low-cholesterol diet. As no rising agents are allowed during Passover, traditionally Jewish bakers have relied on eggs to lighten many treats. Most Passover sponge cakes use 12 whole eggs, and they are not the only foods that do so.

After a few hilarious failures, I came up with a sponge cake that is really fabulous. It is light, moist and flavorful, and it contains no fat or cholesterol. The method I follow is similar to what I used to do when I baked regular Passover sponge cakes, except I use 12 egg whites, instead of whole eggs.

Besides being tasty and light, the cake enjoys an additional advantage of being versatile. You can serve it by itself, of course. Or you can turn it into two other desserts and serve one at each of your Seders.

For the first Seder, serve Strawberry Shortcake. Just split the Angel Food Cake, fill it with fresh strawberries and drizzle the top with a glaze.

For the second Seder, present another spectacular dessert — Chocolate Fondue. Serve a large platter of fresh fruit pieces and squares of Angel Food Cake. Place bowls of no-cholesterol chocolate dipping sauce strategically around the table so everyone can reach.

ANGEL FOOD CAKE

1¼ cups matzah cake meal
1¾ cups sugar
2 tbsp. finely grated orange peel (no white)
1¾ cups egg whites
½ tsp. salt
2 tbsp. orange juice

Preheat oven to 325F.

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Here's how to get your just desserts

The challenge of adhering to a low-cholesterol diet is compounded at Passover.

One strives to prepare meals that are delicious and beautiful as possible within the boundaries of both restrictions.

On a low-cholesterol diet, saturated fats (butter, palm oil or coconut oil, hydrogenated shortenings and egg yolks) are not allowed. For Passover, all rising agents (yeast, baking powder and baking soda) are taboo.

Sponge cake used to be the mainstay of Passover desserts. It met all the Passover requirements because it contained no leavening and was made with cake meal. But eight days of eating sponge cake is monotonous.

For people on low-cholesterol diets, the sponge cake — made with nine or 12 whole eggs — is worse than monotonous. It is forbidden. What can a health-conscious Jewish cook do?

There are several keys to meeting the no-cholesterol requirements. The first is using egg substitute instead of whole eggs. If you cannot find Passover egg substitute in your market, make your own with egg whites and oil. Don't feel guilty about throwing away the egg yolks.

Another is making your own chocolate by mixing cocoa and safflower oil. Regular chocolate may contain coconut or palm oil which are as bad for you as butter itself.

Another trick is using only nuts (such as almonds) that are low in oil. Avoid oil-rich nuts like macadamias.

Finally, measure carefully. Beat back the temptation to finish off the bag of raisins or nuts no matter how few are left.

EGG SUBSTITUTE

2 egg whites
1 tbsp. of oil

Combine these as an equivalent of one egg.

BROWNIES

¾ cup safflower oil
8 oz. egg substitute (equivalent of 4 eggs)
2 cups sugar
¾ cup cocoa
1 cup cake meal
2 tbsp. potato starch
½ cup strong, cold coffee
½ cup coarsely chopped nuts

In a medium mixing bowl, beat the egg substitute and oil. In a small bowl, combine the sugar and cocoa. Add these to the egg/oil mixture. Beat well.

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PASSOVER FOOD

Dairy dinners delightfully different

Marvelous matzah makes mouth-watering meals

By
LUCILLE CHAPLAN

When we think of matzah, we picture a thin, crisp cracker, usually square, perforated with parallel lines.

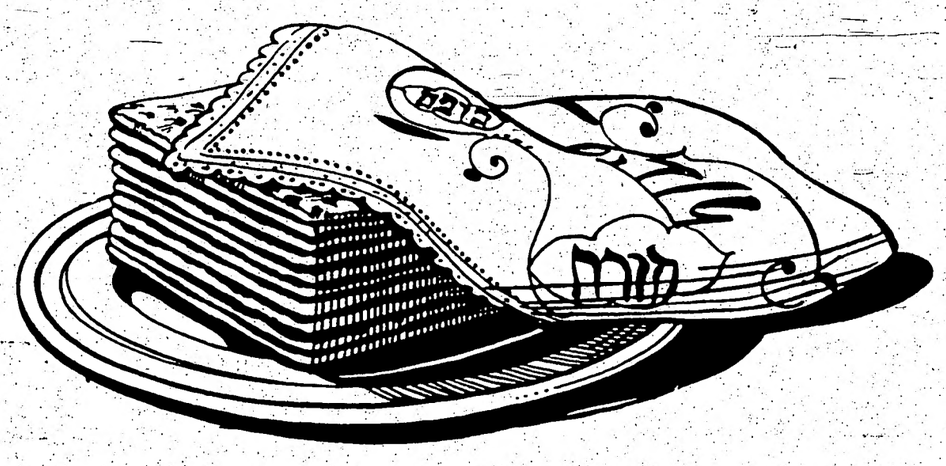
In the days of the Talmud, however, there was a lively controversy over the legality of matzah that was four-fingers thick. By the middle ages, they were one-finger thick but they still had to be eaten on the day of baking to be edible; this caused problems when erev Pesach fell on a Saturday. As thinner and crisper matzot were made, their shelf life increased until they could be made in advance for the whole festival.

Matzot are made of flour and water. The earliest probably used barley flour because it was the first grain crop to ripen. The water used to make matzah had to be drawn from the well the night before, because it was believed that when the sun set, it went under the earth and might warm the water at the bottom of the wells. Tepid water could cause fermentation, so the water for the matzah had to be kept cool overnight.

The flour for use in regular matzah is supervised from the grinding of the grain, but the special matzah for the Seder uses grain guarded and supervised right from the harvest.

What if, heaven forbid, it were to be stored in a damp place which would begin fermentation? Of course, such matzah is more expensive.

Of course, all matzahs were made by hand until comparatively recently, and the matzah-making was a joyous landmark in the year's activity. In many towns, people brought their bags of flour to the baker — and a large town might have three or four matzah bakeries. Under careful supervision the water-handlers brought the water, the mixers mixed the dough, the rollers wielded their rolling pins, the shearer cut off lengths and the stipplers made the perforations which speeded up the baking time and lessened the possibility of rising.



No wonder many rabbis opposed the new machinery when it came in, eliminating so many much-needed jobs just before Pesach! Besides, suppose a bit of dough got caught in the machinery and began to ferment. Eventually, however, machines were perfected, and today hand-made matzah is rare.

Greek and Turkish Jews serve a Passover pie called a mina. There are many variations, but each has a whole matzah for a base and another on the top. The filling can be meat, cheese and/or vegetables — often including leeks.

This microwave adaptation improves both time and nutrition, since instead of boiling the potatoes and the leeks and then draining off the water, we saute and steam the leeks in butter with the onions and bake the potatoes. The original mina also uses a large quanity of oil in the pan and more over the top crust.

LEEK AND POTATO MINA

- 4 medium to large potatoes
- 4-6 leeks, whites only, halved lengthwise, cut into ½-inch pieces
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 4 tbsp. butter
- 2½ matzahs
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. black pepper
- 2 tbsp. milk
- 1 tbsp. plain yogurt
- 1½ cups grated sharp cheddar cheese

Prick potatoes several times and bake on paper towel, turning over after five minutes. Remove each potato from oven as soon as it cracks through the centre when squeezed gently. Wrap in a towel and allow to stand for at least 10 minutes to complete cooking.

Soak matzahs in warm water for two minutes, remove carefully and drain on paper towels.

In a square casserole approximately the size of a matzah and at least two inches deep, combine onions, leeks and two tablespoons of butter. Cook uncovered until onions are translucent (five to seven minutes) stirring once. Cover and cook on High power until leeks are tender (five to six minutes) stirring once.

Peel potatoes and mash. A food mill or ricer may be used, but not a food processor for fear of over-processed and gluey potatoes.

Add to potatoes remaining two tablespoons of butter, two tablespoons of milk, salt and pepper and combine. Mix in onion and leeks, then ½ cup of the cheese.

Pour beaten egg into a shallow dish with a rim. Coat first matzah with egg then transfer it to the bottom of the casserole. If not completely covered, coat ½ slice and use pieces to fill in. Spoon potato mixture over the matzah smooth the top, sprinkle with the yogurt, the with ½ cup cheese.

Coat second whole matzah with egg and cover cheese. Any spaces around the sides can be filled in with pieces of the ½ slice.

Cook covered on High power eight minutes turning once and left-over egg over the top and cook covered for two more minutes.

Sprinkle remaining cheese over the egg (which may not be cooked) and cook uncovered, on 70 per cent power just until cheese is melted. Allow to stand, loosely covered.

This can be used as a main course with a cream soup and a salad or as a side dish. It reheats well either whole or in individual portions.

FRUIT KUGEL

- 1 cup orange juice
- 2 tbsp. lemon juice
- 5 oz. mixed dried fruit, cut up (prunes should be pitted)
- 1 large apple, peeled and coarsely grated
- 2 eggs
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 3 tbsp. oil
- 2 tbsp. honey
- ⅓ cup sugar
- 1 tbsp. grated lemon rind
- ¼ tsp. cinnamon (plus more for sprinkling)
- ¾ cup farfel

Combine juices and dried fruit in a medium bowl. Cook covered on High power for three minutes, 30 per cent power for five minutes. Stir in apple.

In large bowl, beat eggs and salt together. Stir in oil, honey, sugar, rind and ¼ tsp. cinnamon. Add fruit mixture and combine.

Pour hot water through farfel in a sieve, just to moisten. Fold it into the fruit mixture and allow to stand for 15 minutes.

Spoon into one quart casserole. Sprinkle with reserved cinnamon and cook covered at 70 per cent power until the pudding is firm on top and just beginning to pull away from the sides of the pan (18 to 22 minutes approximately.)

Allow to cool completely then store, wrapped in foil, in the refrigerator for at least 24 hours. Serve warm or cold, as a side dish or a dessert. We like it warm with vanilla ice cream.

To double recipe: Double all ingredients. Cook the fruit, High power five minutes, 30 per cent for seven minutes. Cook casserole at 70 per cent for 25 to 35 minutes.

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By
LESLIE MICHLIN BORDEN

Jews all over the world look forward to Pesach, the first great "freedom festival" ever.

Everyone loves getting together with family and friends, observing the traditions and eating all the special foods: gefilte fish and tzimmes. Many foods associated with this springtime holiday have as their foundation either the high-cholesterol egg or animal fat seasoning (schmaltz).

Can you avoid these two essential ingredients and still serve delicious Passover treats? Yes, if you plan your menu carefully. Serve the dishes you've always loved, but follow some of the suggestions and recipes that follow and you'll enjoy a low-cholesterol, low-fat festival.

Instead of making gefilte fish, for instance, try poaching fish fillets in a court bouillon made similarly to the cooking liquid of gefilte fish. You'll end up with some of the same tasty gel that makes gefilte fish so special, but you will have avoided the eggs.

Chicken soup can be prepared almost totally fat-free. Start preparing early so you will have time for all the steps.

Begin by carefully removing the skin and all the obvious fat from the chicken. Once you have made the soup, strain it and place it in the refrigerator so that any remaining fat will float to the top and solidify. Remove that fat when ready to use.

Turkey with spinach stuffing highlights this Seder menu. [Bill Aron photo]

Serve the soup at your Seder with a selection of vegetables that you add at the last minute. Everyone will like the wonderful flavor and the crisp texture.

Be sure to make a double batch of the soup itself. You will need it to make many of the suggested recipes.

Roast turkey is a low cholesterol entree that everyone enjoys. For the lowest fat and cholesterol choice, roast a turkey breast. Do not rub the outside with extra oil or margarine. The secret to making it tasty is dampening the outside with water before cooling so the seasonings stick to that moisture.

To enhance its already delicious flavor, serve it with a wonderful spinach stuffing. Just saute onions and garlic in the non-fat chicken broth prepared earlier. It will give the stuffing a delightful flavor, as well as keeping it moist, without adding any fat or cholesterol. Your family will be delighted by both the flavor and appearance of this new dish.

Vegetable tzimmes is a delicious and wonderful treat that your guests will enjoy even if it is not flavored by brisket. Depend on the natural sweetness of prunes, carrots and sweet potatoes, but if this combination is not sweet enough for your sweet tooth, add orange juice and small amounts of sugar to enliven it. To save calories, use the non-fat chicken broth instead of oil or margarine to start the cooking process.

Take advantage of the beautiful spring asparagus just starting to appear in the market. Instead of making a green salad, try steaming asparagus and then seasoning the spears with a delightful mixture of fresh herbs. Then you will have plenty of your fat allotment left over for dessert.

Of all Passover courses, desserts are the hardest to accommodate to a low-cholesterol diet. Don't despair. You have several excellent choices if you just take the time to think the problem through.

Serve bowls of smooth chocolate sauce and heaping platters of fresh spring fruits for dipping. Passover, is, after all, a holiday that emphasizes dipping. This dessert choice is so delicious to the palate and tantalizing to the eye that it satisfies chocoholics and "dessertoholics."

If you follow these suggestions, you will serve a lovely meal that is about 600 calories per person (not including matzoh, charoses, maror and the fruit you dip for dessert). Even better, it is only about 11 per cent fat.

FISH FILLETS POACHED IN COURT BOUILLON

about 3 lb. of fish heads and bones
5 onions, coarsely chopped
4 carrots, sliced
4 stalks celery, coarsely cut
2 qt. of water, at least
salt and pepper to taste
10 (3 oz.) halibut fillets
unflavored gelatin, if necessary
lettuce leaves (for garnish)

Combine fish head and bones, onions, carrots, celery, salt and pepper in a large pan. Add at least two quarts of water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer one hour.

Slowly immerse the fillets into the simmering stock. Be careful. The little fillets will cook quickly. Allow 10 minutes cooking time per inch thickness of fish — no more — or the fish will fall apart. If your fillets are not one-inch thick, cook them less than 10 minutes.

Remove the cooked fish from the stock with a slotted spoon. Place on a plate and store in refrigerator until ready to serve. Save some of the sliced carrots and all of the stock.

Strain the stock. Return some of the strained liquid to a medium saucepan and cook until it reduces somewhat. If it doesn't seem thick enough, combine one-quarter cup of the cold stock with two tablespoons unflavored gelatin. Add 3¼ cups of hot stock. Stir until dissolved.

Correct the seasoning. Add lots of pepper since the gel should be spicy. Pour into an 8 x 8 pan. Chill until set.

To serve, arrange the fillets on lettuce leaves. Garnish with the spicy gel and reserved carrot slices.

Makes 10 servings. Per serving: 105 calories; 18 g protein; 2.6 g carbohydrate; 2 g fat (including .3 g saturated fat); 27 mg cholesterol.

NO-FAT CHICKEN BROTH

1 whole chicken, skin and fat removed
3 carrots, chopped
top half of celery bunch, leaves included, chopped
1 large onion, quartered
several sprigs of parsley
1 parsnip, peeled and sliced
12-15 black peppercorns
1 bay leaf
salt or lemon juice to taste
water
2 stalks celery, sliced on the diagonal
10 green onions, sliced thinly
10 mushrooms, sliced thinly
10 leaves of Chinese cabbage, shredded

Combine the first nine ingredients in a large pot. add cold water to cover. Slowly bring to a boil. Skim off any scum that forms.

Cover and simmer for

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three hours. Taste and adjust the seasonings. Remove chicken and reserve for another occasion. Strain vegetables from the broth, reserving the carrots for garnish, if desired.

Place broth in the refrigerator overnight or longer so any remaining fat rises to the top and hardens.

Just before serving, remove the hardened fat. Then reheat broth adding the celery, green onions, mushrooms and Chinese cabbage. Steam the vegetables lightly. Do not overcook! Serve at once.

Serves 10 generously. Per serving: 39 calories.

ROAST TURKEY WITH SPINACH STUFFING

1 whole turkey breast, fat removed
salt, pepper, garlic powder, paprika to taste
1 large onion, chopped
2-3 cloves of garlic, chopped
½ cup parsley, chopped
no-fat chicken broth
2 bunches fresh spinach, washed thoroughly
¼ lb. ground white meat turkey
2 egg whites, beaten till stiff
1 tbsp. dried dill (optional)
1 tsp. salt
freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 325F

Rinse the breast with water, but do not dry. Season to taste, inside and outside with salt, pepper and garlic powder. Sprinkle with paprika for color.

Lightly oil a roasting rack and place the turkey breast on it, skin side up. Roast about 1¾ hours, until the juices run clear when you test the meat with a fork, or until a meat thermometer reads 175C.

Prepare the stuffing. Saute onion, garlic, and parsley in a few tablespoons of no-fat chicken broth until vegetables are tender and begin releasing their own juices. Add the chopped spinach. Steam in the pan juices until the spinach wilts.

Add the ground turkey and continue cooking until the meat loses its pink color. Season to taste with salt, pepper, and dill.

Place in the food processor (in batches if your bowl is not large enough to hold the entire mixture). Process until smooth. Gently fold into the beaten egg whites.

Lightly oil an 8 x 8 ovenproof dish. Place stuffing in the prepared dish. Cover and cook 45 minutes.

To serve, remove the turkey from the roasting pan. Allow it to cool for 30 minutes before slicing. Remove the skin and slice. Arrange the slices on a large platter. Surround them with the stuffing.

Serves 10. Per three-ounce serving (with stuffing): 175 calories; 32 g protein; 2.3 g carbohydrate; 3.3 g fat (including 1 g saturated fat); 69 mg cholesterol.

VEGETABLE TZIMMES

2 tbsp. no-fat chicken broth
1 onion, thinly sliced
5 large carrots, peeled and cut into chunks
5 medium white potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
3 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-in. rounds
1 tsp. salt
sugar
no-fat chicken broth
2 cups pitted prunes
orange juice

Heat two tablespoons (or more) of No-Fat Chicken Broth in a large pot or Dutch oven. Brown the onion in the hot broth. When the onions have wilted and the liquid is almost cooked away, add the vegetables, salt, and a little sugar.

Add more chicken broth to about one inch. Cover, bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to simmer.

Add chicken broth as necessary to prevent sticking. Do not stir. Cook about 30 minutes.

Then add the prunes and continue cooking another 30 minutes or longer, until the vegetables are tender. If tzimmes does not taste sweet enough, add more sugar or orange juice to taste.

Serves 10 generously. Per serving: 203 calories; 3.4 g protein; 49.4 g carbohydrate; 5 g fat; 1 mg cholesterol.

HERBED STEAMED CHILLED VEGETABLES

1 clove garlic, chopped
salt
freshly ground white pepper
2 tbsp. chopped green onion
½ tsp. dried basil or 1 tablespoon fresh, chopped
dash of paprika
2-3 lb. fresh asparagus

Saute garlic in lightly salted water. Add the vegetables and steam until crisp cooked. While the vegetables are still hot, sprinkle them with the chopped herbs, paprika, and pepper.

Serves 10. Per serving: 23 calories; 2.4 g protein; 4.1 g carbohydrate; 3 g fat; 0 mg cholesterol.

FRESH FRUITS DIPPED IN CHOCOLATE SAUCE

4 egg whites
3 cups powdered sugar
1½ tsp. vanilla (optional)
dash of salt
6 tbsp. margarine
1 cup unsweetened cocoa
2/3 cup strong coffee or coffee liqueur
assorted fresh fruits

In a small mixing bowl, beat the egg whites and salt at a high speed until soft peaks form. Switch to low speed and add the powdered sugar slowly. When the mixture is smooth and shiny, stir in the vanilla.

In a medium saucepan over low heat, melt margarine, cocoa and the beaten egg white mixture, stirring occasionally. Add coffee or coffee liqueur and stir well. Serve warm, like fondue.

Makes 3½ cups. Per tablespoon: 36.8 calories; 5 g protein; 6.2 g carbohydrate; 1.5 g fat (including 4 g saturated fat); 0 mg cholesterol.

Select an assortment of colorful fresh fruits such as strawberries, peeled oranges, sliced bananas, kiwi, and pineapple chunks. Arrange on a platter. Place bowls of chocolate dipping sauce at strategic places around the table

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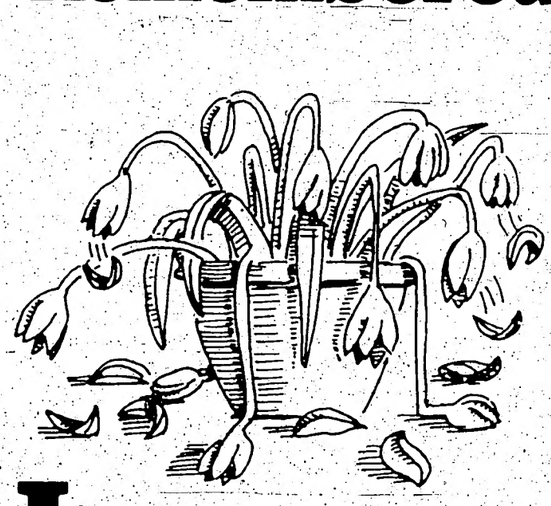

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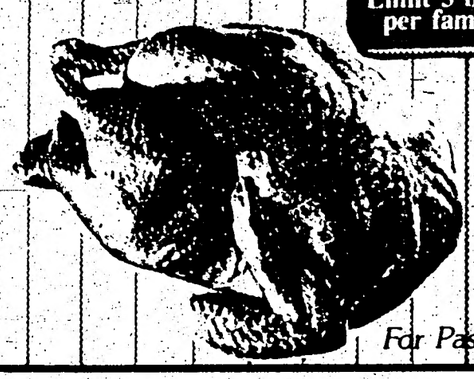
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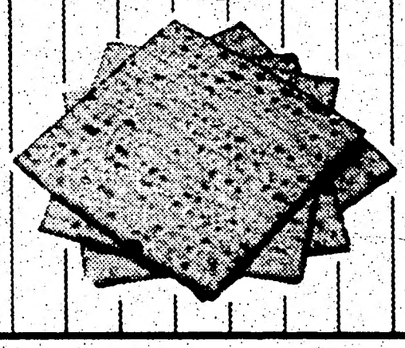
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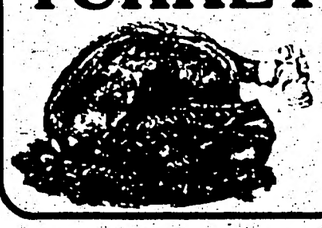
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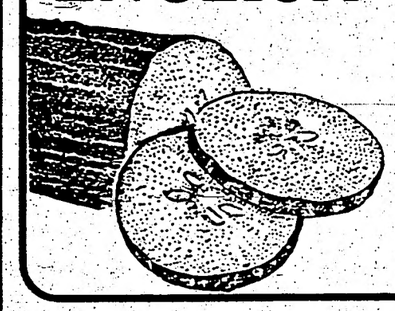
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Morrocan festival is a celebration of Pesach's end

By LUCILLE CHAPLAN

On the day after Passover in Jerusalem, a large park is reserved for the Moroccan community for a day-long picnic and end-of-Passsover celebration called Maimuna.

The meaning of the name is uncertain. In Arabic, the word means brings happiness. Some link it with the Hebrew Emunah, meaning belief of faith while others claim a connection with the great Moses Maimonides, whose father died on that date. All agree, however, that it is a joyous celebration that brings together Israel's colorful and lively Moroccan population.

The festival begins on the evening of the last day of Passover when Moroccan families hold an open house.

On the following day in Morocco the family usually travelled to the country or to the seaside for a picnic, but in Israel the whole Moroccan "family" gathers at the park in Jerusalem. All over the country Moroccans are excused from work, and beginning early in the day cars and chartered buses converge on the park. The park is full of family reunions, friends meeting and greeting and lively dancing, bright costumes and constant, delicious supplies of food. The air is full of odors of frying fish, Turkish coffee and garlic.

A tagine is either a slow-simmered Moroccan stew, or the special ceramic pot used to cook it. Of course, we're not slow-simmering, but we do get a tender and flavorful chicken dish, especially suitable for Passover because of the prunes and honey.

TAGINE OF CHICKEN WITH PRUNES AND ALMONDS

- 2 tbsp. oil or margarine
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 3-4 lbs. meaty chicken pieces, skin and all visible fat removed
- 1½ cups water of chicken soup
- 1 to 3 tsp. ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp. ground ginger
- ½ tsp. black pepper, freshly ground
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 2 cups pitted prunes (10-12 oz.)
- 1 tbsp. honey
- 1½ tsp. lemon juice
- 1 cup whole blanched almonds, lightly roasted

Note: All cooking times in this recipe are really approximate, depending on the size and thickness of the chicken pieces.)

In a casserole or roaster large enough to hold the chicken in one layer, heat margarine or oil and onion uncovered for three minutes, stirring once.

In a four-cup measure, combine water or chicken soup, cinnamon, ginger, pepper and salt. Bring to a boil on high power (about four minutes), stir, then cook five minutes at 50 per cent power. Stir in honey and lemon juice.

Arrange chicken pieces in pan with onions, thicker pieces to the outside, turning each in the onions and oil. Cook covered, High power, eight minutes.

Turn chicken pieces over, rearranging if necessary. Distribute prunes around chicken and pour sauce over. If prunes are not covered, add a little more water or chicken soup.

Cook covered, 50 per cent power until chicken and prunes are tender (10 to 20 minutes) basting once or twice.

If not serving immediately, turn the pieces again and allow to stand, covered.

At serving time reheat (if necessary) at 70 per cent power. Transfer chicken pieces with tongs or slotted spoon to large serving platter.

Stir about half the almonds into the hot prune sauce in the pan, then spoon the sauce mixture over the chicken. Garnish the top with the remaining almonds.

To roast almonds, spread the blanched nuts in a single layer on a large pie plate. Cook on High power until most of the nuts are browned slightly, stirring frequently. The nuts will become crisp as they cool.

Celeriac (celery root) is not a common vegetable in Toronto but is available at some vegetable stores. It is always served cooked, but may be served crisp-tender or soft.

It has a mild, celery flavor. The skin is rough and there are many well, curled roots which can make it difficult to peel — unless you partially cook it in the microwave oven.

This dish is frequently served on the first night of Passover by Sephardic Jews, particularly those from Turkey or Greece. It can be used as either a hot side dish of a cold salad.

APIO

- ½ cup water
- 1 tbsp. oil
- 2 tbsp. lemon juice (juice of ½ lemon)
- 1 tbsp. sugar, or to taste
- 3 medium carrots, peeled and cut diagonally in ¼-in. slices
- 1 large celeriac
- Salt
- Pepper

Thoroughly wash celeriac (use vegetable brush), dry and prick skin in several places. Microwave on paper towel six to 10 minutes, depending on size. It will not be cooked through. Wrap in aluminum foil, shiny side in, and allow to stand 15 minutes.

In two-quart casserole combine water, sugar, oil and lemon juice. Cook on High, uncovered until boiling then add carrots and cover. Cook four minutes, High, then allow to stand covered about five minutes.

Peel celeriac and cut in 3/8-in slices, quartered. Gently stir slices into the sauce with the carrots, cover and cook together on High power just util tender (five to eight minutes.) Season to taste with salt and pepper.

For thickened sauce, stir together one tablespoon of potato starch and two tablespoons of cold water, add to casserole and cook, uncovered until thickened.

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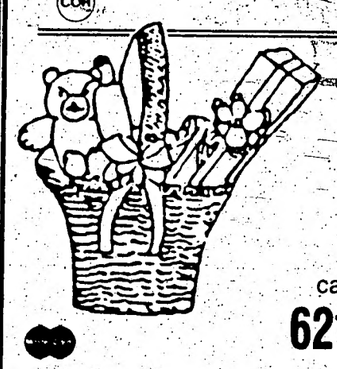

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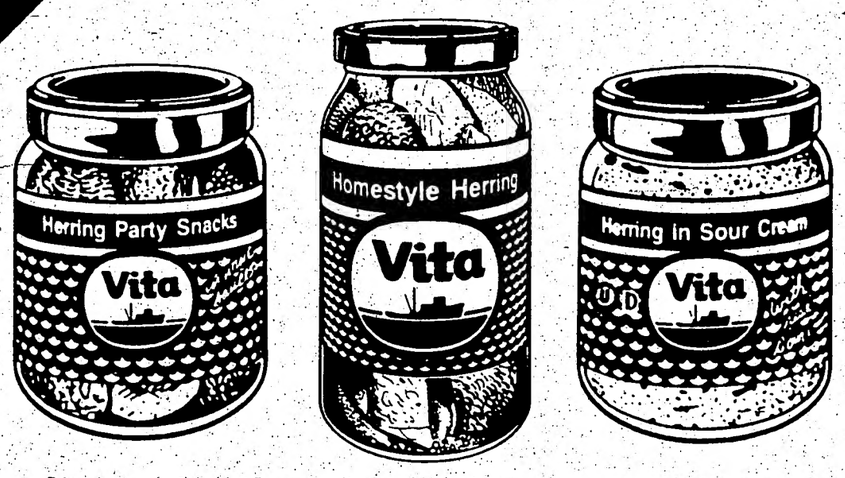

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This Angel Food Cake is heavenly

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Measure one cup sugar into a small bowl. Combine the remaining ¾ cup of sugar with the matzah cake meal. Add the orange peel and set aside.

In the large electric mixer bowl, beat the egg whites and salt until soft peaks form. Gradually add the one cup sugar, ¼ cup at a time, alternately with the orange juice. Beat well after each addition. Continue until stiff peaks form when the beaters are slowly raised.

Using a rubber spatula or wire whisk, fold in the matzah cake meal-sugar-orange peel mixture, one-quarter at a time. Use 15 under-and-over strokes for each addition, turning the bowl a little after each stroke. When all the matzah mixture has been added, fold an additional 10 strokes.

Pour this batter into an ungreased 10-inch tube pan. Bake for 50 minutes to one hour, until the cake springs back to the touch. Remove from the oven and immediately invert the pan and let it cool.

When ready to serve, use a sharp knife to loosen the sides and centre of the cake from the pan. Turn out to a serving plate.

Makes 20 slices. Per slice: 105 calories; 3 g protein; 24 g carbohydrate; .08 g fat; 0 mg cholesterol.

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

1 Angel Food Cake
2 baskets fresh strawberries, washed and hulled
Strawberry sauce

Bake the cake according to directions. When it is thoroughly cool, slice the cake in half with a long knife. Place the bottom half on the serving platter, cut side up. Spoon on half the Strawberry Sauce and then cover with half the strawberries, sliced.

Place the top half of the cake over this. Drizzle it with the remaining Strawberry Sauce. Garnish with the rest of the strawberries, sliced or whole.

Serves 20. Per serving: 136 calories; 2.9 g protein; 31 g carbohydrate; .14 g fat; 0 mg cholesterol.

STRAWBERRY SAUCE

½ cup strawberry preserves
¼ cup sweet red wine

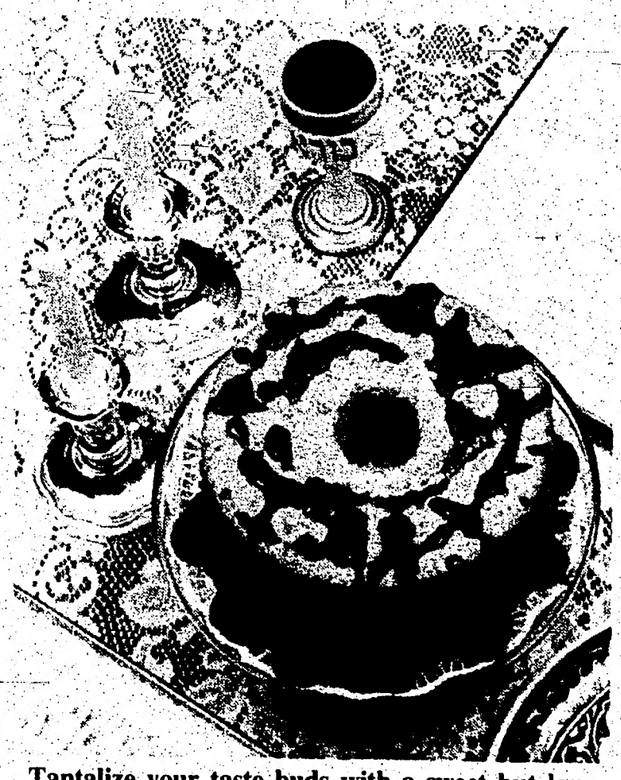
In a small saucepan, heat the preserves. Add the wine. Cook until the preserves melt and the mixture is well combined.

CHOCOLATE FONDUE

½ Angel Food Cake, cut into bite-sized chunks
1 basket of strawberries, washed
½ pineapple, cut into chunks
2 oranges, peeled and separated into sections
4 kiwis, sliced
2 ripe bananas, sliced
Chocolate Dipping Sauce

Arrange the fresh fruit and cake on an attractive platter. Place bowls of the chocolate dipping sauce around the table so everyone can reach them.

Serves 10 generously.



Tantalize your taste buds with a sweet but low-cholesterol, low-fat dessert. [Bill Aron photo]

CHOCOLATE DIPPING SAUCE

4 egg whites
3 cups powdered sugar
1½ tsp. vanilla (optional)
Dash of salt
6 tbsp. margarine
1 cup unsweetened cocoa
⅔ cup strong coffee or coffee liqueur

In a small mixing bowl, beat the egg whites and salt at high speed until soft peaks form. Switch to low speed and add the powdered sugar slowly. When the mixture is smooth and shiny, stir in the vanilla.

In a medium saucepan over low heat, melt the margarine and cocoa. Add the beaten egg white mixture, stirring. When these have combined well, add the coffee or coffee liqueur. Stir well. Serve warm, like fondue.

Makes 3½ cups. Per tablespoon: 36.6 calories; .5 g protein; 6.2 g carbohydrate; 1.5 g fat (including .4 g saturated fat); 0 mg cholesterol.

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Here's how to get your just desserts

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Combine the cake meal and potato starch. Add alternately with the coffee, beating well after each addition. Finally, add the nuts.

Lightly grease a 9 x 13 glass baking pan. Pour in the batter. Bake at 350F for about 25 minutes. Bake less for fudgier brownies and longer for more cake-like brownies.

Makes 48.

APRICOT BARS

Pastry

1 cup oil
¼ cup egg substitute
pinch of salt
1 cup sugar
2 cups cake meal
2 tsp. grated lemon rind
1 tsp. vanilla

Combine ingredients. Spread three quarters of the dough on the bottom and sides (one inch) of a 9 x 13 glass baking pan that has been lightly greased. Bake at 325F for 20 minutes.

Remove from the oven. While still hot, spread the filling over the crust. Crumble the remaining pastry over the top. Bake for another 30-35 minutes. Cut when cool.

Makes 48.

Filling

1 (16-oz.) jar apricot jam
½ cup lemon juice
½ cup chopped nuts

Combine ingredients and spread over hot crust.

LOOK-LIKE OATMEAL COOKIES

½ cup raisins
½ cup oil
½ cup egg substitute (equivalent to 2 eggs)
1 cup matzah meal
¾ cup sugar
½ tsp. cinnamon
1 cup farfel
½ cup chopped nuts

Place the raisins in a small saucepan. Cover with water. Simmer until the raisins are plump and tender. Drain thoroughly. Set aside.

In a large bowl, beat egg substitute with oil.

In a medium bowl, combine and blend matzah meal, sugar and cinnamon. Combine with the beaten egg mixture. Add remaining items.

Place rounded teaspoonfuls on a greased cookie sheet. Bake at 325F for 15 to 20 minutes.

Makes 36 cookies.

FRUIT TART

Crust

1 cup matzah meal
¼ cup sugar
¼ tsp. cinnamon
¼ cup oil

In a small mixing bowl, combine matzah meal, sugar and cinnamon. Add the oil. Combine thoroughly.

Press mixture onto the bottom and sides of a 9-inch glass pie pan or tart ring. Bake at 375F for 10 minutes. Refrigerate until ready for use.

Glaze

3-4 tbsp. strawberry or apricot preserves
1 tbsp. water or sweet liqueur

In a small saucepan, heat the preserves and water or liqueur until thinned and easy to spread.

Filling

2 (12 oz.) baskets of strawberries

Wash, stem and dry the strawberries.

Paint the bottom of the crust with a small amount of glaze. Arrange strawberries on the crust, with the largest in the centre and the smaller ones on the outside.

Brush with more glaze. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Serves eight to 10.

Fresh vegetables such as cabbage, carrots and onions are a vital part of a healthy diet.

Cabbage heads produce lineup

Cabbage's versatility is on record.

Historians contend that the cabbage originated in cooler northern Europe and eventually spread to the New World. In Roman times, cabbage was a relatively expensive vegetable. A favored dish in that civilization was what we now know as corned beef and cabbage, a Foodland Ontario press release says.

Less is known about the status of the vegetable from that point through to the Middle Ages. With the Renaissance, however, came a renewed appreciation of the cabbage, which by then was being successfully cultivated in many parts of Europe.

In addition to red and green cabbage, Ontario also produces the frilly-leaved Savoy cabbage.

Foodland Ontario offers the following advice on buying, storing and preparing cabbage, which is an excellent source of vitamin C and is low in calories. (One cup of cooked, shredded cabbage has about 29 calories and 38 milligrams of vitamin C.

Choose firm, solid heads of cabbage that feel heavy for their size, have a fresh color and are free of withered leaves, splits and soft spots. Look for well-trimmed heads.

The stems should be trimmed close to the head and the large, outer leaves should be intact. If the outer leaves appear extremely white, the cabbage is probably overripe and not as flavorful. Red cabbage should have a deep purple-red color.

Cabbage keeps well for several weeks at home if stored in a moisture-proof bag in your refrigerator. Winter cabbages will also store for longer periods of time, if kept moist and cool in a cold-storage facility such as a root cellar.

Cooking tips

With cabbage wedges, leave one-quarter inch of core to hold the leaves together as the cabbage cooks.

Never overcook cabbage because it develops a stronger flavor the longer it cooks. When boiling or steaming shredded cabbage, eight to 10 minutes is ideal. Brief cooking ensures a delicate flavor, texture and color and also conserves valuable vitamins and minerals.

To retain the bright color of red cabbage, add two tablespoons of vinegar or lemon juice to the water and cook in a stainless steel pot.

To separate leaves easily, remove the core and cover cabbage with boiling water. Let stand for 10 minutes, remove the softened outer leaves and repeat until all have separated.

One pound of cabbage shreds into four to five cups raw and 2½ to 3 cups cooked.

Traditional European methods of cooking cabbage include serving cooked cabbage in a rich cheese sauce, stuffing the leaves with a meat and herb filling (as Alsatian cooks do), simmering shredded or finely sliced red cabbage with apples (a German preparation), using the cooked cabbage to fill tiny boiled dumplings (an Eastern European approach) and preserving it in the form of sauerkraut or choucroute, which is then baked with all meats or poultry (a regional delicacy in Alsace and the Black Forest).

One British dish, Bubble and Squeak, also utilizes cabbage. Originally devised as a method of using leftover vegetables, it's a tasty side dish.

With a knife, coarsely shred a small Savoy cabbage and cook in lightly salted boiling water just until tender. Drain in a colander and press out all liquid using a small plate or saucer. Set aside.

With a fork, whisk just enough milk into two cups of mashed potatoes to make a stiff puree. Season with pepper. Stir in cabbage.

Melt a walnut-sized knob of margarine in a non-stick skillet over medium heat until bubbling. Add cabbage and potato mixture, spreading evenly.

Cook for eight to 10 minutes or until underside is golden. Check often. Remove from heat, invest serving plate over pan and turn out. Cut in wedges to serve.

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PASSOVER FOOD

Dare to be innovative and add to family's request list

By
NAOMI ARBIT
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Passover is the oldest and most cherished of all the Jewish holidays.

Tradition is important in the Jewish kitchen, and Passover presents a real challenge for the creative cook who wants to serve varied and delicious meals for eight days.

Recipes for the foods served at the Seder and the days that follow may be passed from generation to generation, but there is always room for new dishes to carry on the traditions.

GEFILTE FISH
Food processor method

3 onions
3 carrots
1 cup chopped celery
2-3 sprigs parsley
1 clove garlic, cut in half
5 lb. trout, filleted and skinned
3 lb. whitefish, filleted and skinned
2 lb. pike, filleted and skinned heads (gills removed)
bones from fish
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. white pepper
4 large eggs
2 onions, chopped
¾ cup matzah meal
½ cup water
2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. white pepper, or to taste

Slice onions and carrots with slicing disc of processor; remove from bowl.

Place fish heads and bones in a large heavy stock pot with onions, carrots, celery, garlic, parsley, one teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Cover with two quarts of water; bring to a boil.

Cut fish into chunks; process one cup at a time with steel blade until finely ground. Put into a mixing bowl. Repeat with remaining fish.

Add remaining ingredients to the work bowl and process until smooth. Add this mixture to the fish and mix thoroughly.

Wet hand with cold water and shape mixture into about 32 oval balls. Strain fish stock; return stock to pot and return to a boil.

Place balls into boiling stock, keeping them apart slightly. Lower heat; simmer for two to three hours. Shake the pot occasionally to keep the balls from sticking. Allow to cool 15 minutes.

Using a slotted spoon, remove gefilte fish to a refrigerator dish and pour the stock over them. It will jell. Serve fish with some jellied sauce, sliced carrots and prepared horseradish.

BEA'S MATZAH BALLS

6 eggs
1 cup matzah meal
½ tsp. salt
dash of white pepper

In a small mixing bowl, beat eggs with a whisk until frothy. Pour in meal, salt and pepper; whisk well together. Chill in the refrigerator for one hour.

Moisten hands with cold water and shape mixture into walnut-sized balls. Drop into gently boiling water flavored with instant chicken bouillon.

Reduce heat; cover and simmer 45 minutes. Transfer with a slotted spoon to hot chicken soup and serve.

CHOCOLATE FUDGE CAKE

9 oz. semi-sweet chocolate
7 tbsp. unsalted butter or margarine
6 eggs, separated
2 egg whites
1 tbsp. cognac, liqueur or brandy
½ cup lukewarm water
2 tbsp. potato starch
unsweetened whipped cream or whipped topping or powdered sugar for garnish, optional

Melt chocolate and butter or margarine over hot water or in a microwave; let cool.

Place egg yolks and the eight whites in separate mixing bowls and let warm to room temperature.

Beat the yolks until light in color, mix in the liqueur, and blend into the melted chocolate mixture. Stir in the lukewarm water. Beat the egg whites with a pinch of salt until soft peaks form and fold carefully into the chocolate mixture.

Spoon into a buttered, dusted with potato starch, 9-inch springform pan. Bake in a 325F. oven for about 25 minutes or until the centre of the cake is barely set.

Let cool, remove from pan and serve with whipped cream or sprinkled powdered sugar.

Makes 10 servings.

FROZEN STRAWBERRY TORTE

Macaroon Nut Crust

1½ cups macaroon crumbs
2 tbsp. margarine, melted
½ cup chopped walnuts or pecans

In a food processor with metal blade, process macaroons and margarine until coarsely ground. Add nuts; process until mixture begins to hold together.

Press into the bottom of a 10 x 3-inch springform pan. Bake at 375 F. seven to 10 minutes or until golden. Cool.

Filling

2 egg whites, at room temperature
1 cup sugar
2 cups sliced strawberries
1 tbsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. vanilla

In the large bowl of an electric mixer, place egg whites, sugar, sliced strawberries, vanilla and lemon juice. Beat on low speed to blend.

Increase to high speed and beat until firm peaks form when beaters are lifted, about 10 to 15 minutes. Spoon into the cool crust. Cover and freeze until firm, at least six hours.

Strawberry Sauce

10 oz. package frozen sliced strawberries
3 tbsp. frozen undiluted orange juice concentrate
1 tbsp. currant jelly
1 cup fresh strawberries, sliced

Slightly defrost strawberries and orange juice concentrate.

Puree strawberries and concentrate in food processor with the metal blade. Stir in currant jelly.

Spoon into a bowl and stir in fresh berries. Serve cold. Sauce may be refrigerated overnight.

Serves torte directly from the freezer, as it will not be frozen solid. Cut in wedges and serve with the strawberry sauce.

Serves 12.

COCONUT MACAROONS

1⅓ cups flaked coconut
⅓ cup sugar
3 tbsp. matzah meal
dash of salt
2 egg whites
½ tsp. almond flavoring

Combine coconut, sugar, matzah meal and salt in a mixing bowl. Stir in egg whites and almond flavoring; mix well.

Drop from a teaspoon onto a lightly oiled baking sheet. Bake at 325 F. for 20 to 25 minutes, or until edges of cookies are golden brown. Remove from baking sheet immediately to cool on a rack.

Makes about 18.

CHOCOLATE POPPYSEED TORTE

6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate
¾ cup poppy seeds (3½ oz.)
¾ lb. margarine
¾ cup sugar
6 large eggs, separated
⅓ cup orange marmalade

Oil and line the bottom of a nine-inch springform pan with waxed paper. Oil again and sprinkle with potato starch.

Melt chocolate in the top of a double boiler or in the microwave oven. Allow to cool.

In a large mixing bowl using an electric mixer, cream margarine and sugar. Add egg yolks, one at a time, beating after each addition. Beat in chocolate. Stir in poppy seeds.

In a separate bowl, beat egg whites until stiff peaks form. Stir a small amount of whites into chocolate mixture to lighten it; then gently fold in remaining whites.

Spoon into prepared pan. Bake at 350 F. 40 to 50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near centre comes out almost clean and top is cracked and crusty.

A little bit of chocolate on toothpick means cake will be moist and fudgy. Do not overbake.

Remove to rack; cool 10 minutes. Invert pan on rack and pull off paper. Cool completely.

Chill first; then cut cake in half horizontally. Place top layer, cut side up, on serving plate lined with waxed paper. Spread with marmalade. Set bottom layer smoothest side up on top.

May be frosted or sprinkled with powdered sugar. Freezes well.

Serves 10.

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Take advantage of kin's nearness and throw a sensational simcha

By
PEARL GOLDBERG

Last year the family gathered from far and near to celebrate Pesach together.

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HAZELNUT TORTE
(Adapted from Nuts About Chocolate, by Mendelson & Roitberg)

7 egg whites
⅓ cup sugar
7 egg yolks
⅓ cup sugar
1¼ cups hazelnuts
3 tbsp. matzah meal

Toast the hazelnuts on a cookie sheet in a 325F oven until lightly browned and fragrant. Rub the nuts in a towel to remove skins. When cool, grind in processor to meal-like consistency. Combine with matzo meal.

In a clean dry bowl, using clean dry beaters, beat the egg whites until frothy. Add ⅓ cup sugar slowly and beat to glossy, stiff peak consistency.

In another bowl, beat the egg yolks until light and frothy. Add ⅓ cup sugar slowly, and continue beating until the yolk mixture is thick and lemon-colored.

Fold the hazelnut-matzah meal combination into the beaten yolks. Fold the yolk mixture into the beaten whites. Combine lightly until there are no streaks of whites remaining.

Pour into three eight- or nine-inch pans, or a 10 x 15-inch cookie sheet, lined with baking parchment or oiled brown paper, cut to fit the pans.

Bake 15 minutes, or until cake springs back when lightly touched. Be careful not to overbake. Cool the cake(s). Remove from pans, and peel off paper.

If you used a cookie sheet, cut the cake into three equal rectangles. Fill and ice with chocolate buttercream.

CHOCOLATE BUTTERCREAM

1 cup sugar
⅓ cup water
8 egg yolks
6 oz. unsweetened chocolate, melted and slightly cooled
1½ cups soft, unsalted butter

Combine the sugar and water in a small heavy saucepan. Bring to a boil. Boil uncovered for about two minutes. If you have a candy thermometer, you are looking for 240F, or the soft ball stage.

Beat the egg yolks until thick. Reduce the speed of the beaters and gradually pour in the hot syrup, while continuing to beat. Return to high speed and keep beating this mixture until it is cool.

Add butter, one tablespoon at a time, beating continuously, until all the butter is incorporated. Add the chocolate similarly. Spread one-third of the buttercream between layers; frost top and sides with rest.

GATEAU ELIAHU

1 cup and 2 tbsp. sugar
1 cup unsalted butter
5 eggs, separated
7 oz. unsweetened chocolate
7 oz. almonds, blanched

Preheat the oven to 300F.

Grind the chocolate and almonds together in a processor to the consistency of matzah meal.

Beat the egg whites until fluffy. Slowly add two tablespoons of the sugar and continue beating till the whites are stiff and glossy, but not dry.

In another bowl, cream the butter, sugar and yolks until light and fluffy. Add the ground chocolate and almonds to the butter mixture. Fold in the egg whites. Turn the mixture into a well-greased 18-inch springform pan. Bake at 300F for 35 to 40 minutes. The cake will be soft in the centre and will collapse slightly in the centre as it cools.

Store the cooled cake, covered, in the refrigerator.

To serve, remove the cake from its ring, leaving it on the springform base. Heap raspberries or sliced strawberries in the centre and surround with whipped cream or sliced almonds.

This cake should be prepared two days in advance to allow the flavor to develop fully.

PINEAPPLE CHEESE CAKE

Base

2 cups crushed mandelbrot, or other Pesach cookie crumbs
4 tbsp. melted butter

Combine these ingredients and spread mixture in a buttered 10 x 7, or round 9-inch pan.

Filling

1 lb. cream cheese
½ cup sugar
2 eggs
1¼ cups chopped fresh pineapple, well-drained

Beat the eggs with the sugar until fluffy. Add

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cheese and beat until the mixture is smooth and creamy.

Stir in the pineapple. Cover the base with this mixture. Bake in 350F for 30 minutes. Cool for one hour at room temperature.

Topping

½ pint sour cream
3 tbsp. sugar

Combine and spread evenly over cooled cake.

Return to 350F oven for five minutes.

Remove, cool to room temperature, and store in refrigerator. Garnish with small wedges of fresh pineapple, if desired.

APPLE PUDDING CAKE

8 eggs separated
1 cup matzah meal
4 large apples
1½ cups sugar
1 whole lemon
1 whole orange

Preheat oven at 350F.

Grate the apples, using the processor or a hand grater. Combine the apples with the matzah meal and ½ cup of sugar.

Grate the lemon and the orange similarly, and combine with the apple mixture. Add the beaten egg yolks to this fruit mixture.

Beat the egg whites till fluffy. Gradually add the rest of the sugar, and continue beating until the whites are glossy and stiff. Fold the beaten egg whites into the fruit mixture.

Turn into a 13 x 9 x 2-inch pan. Sprinkle the top with a mixture of cinnamon, sugar and chopped nuts. Bake at 350F for approximately 50 minutes, until nicely browned and firm to the touch.

PAVLOVA

6 egg whites
1½ cups sugar
1 tbsp. potato starch
1 tsp. vinegar or lemon juice
½ pint whipping cream
2 kiwis, peeled and sliced
1 pint of strawberries, hulled and sliced

Preheat the oven to 500F.

Make a 7-inch circle of baking parchment or brown paper. Oil both sides and place on a cookie sheet.

Beat the egg whites until stiff, but not dry. Add the sugar, one tablespoon at a time, beating continuously. Add the potato starch, which has been dissolved in the vinegar or lemon juice, and continue beating for about 15 minutes, until the mixture is very thick and glossy.

Mound the meringue mixture onto the prepared paper circle. Shape the meringue into a circle similar to a pie shell, so that it has a slightly raised edge. Place in 500F oven, and immediately reduce the oven temperature to 200F. Bake 1½ hours. Cool.

Tip over gently to remove paper. Place on serving plate. Fill with whipped cream. Decorate with sliced kiwi and strawberries. Garnish with whole berries. Refrigerate until time to serve.

APRICOT SHERBERT

(From Making it with Matzo, Ya'al Group, Cincinnati Chapter of Haddasah).

2 cups dried apricots
2¼ cups water
1½ cups sugar
½ cup orange juice
2 egg whites

Cook the apricots in the water 15 to 20 minutes, till soft. Drain liquid into a measuring cup. Add enough water to make two cups of liquid. Add the sugar to this liquid, and cook until the sugar has dissolved. Cool and refrigerate the liquid.

Puree the apricots. Add this and the orange juice to the chilled syrup. Stir well to combine. Freeze in an ice cube tray until firm.

Place frozen mixture in a large mixing bowl. Add unbeaten egg whites. Start beating slowly to break up frozen mass. Increase speed and beat until mixture is fluffy and at least doubled in volume.

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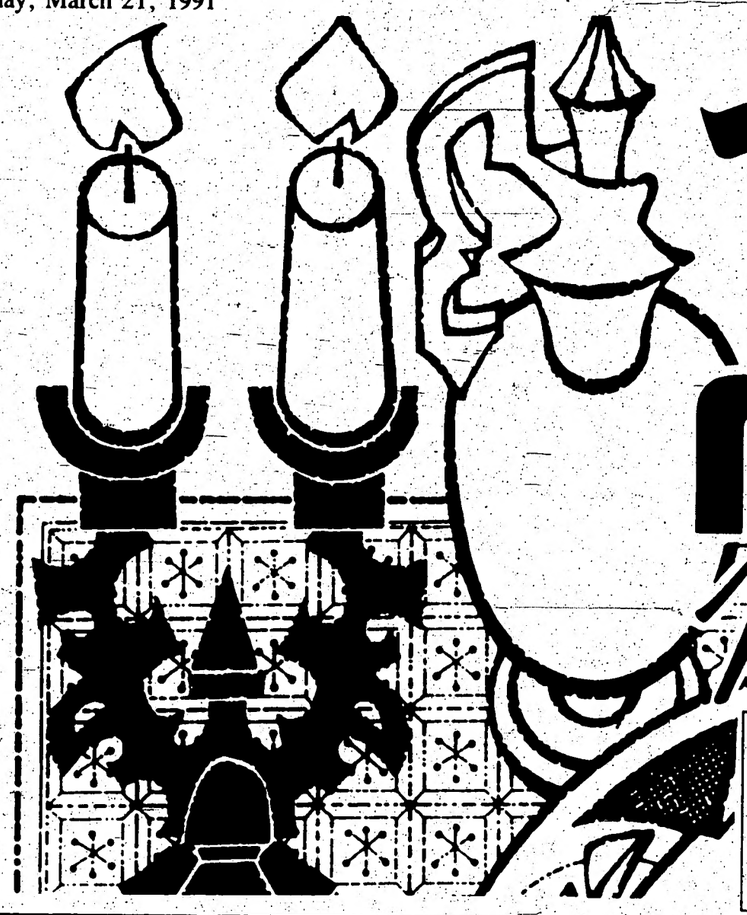

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Organizations and People

President addresses local meeting

Ben-Gurion U. helping to integrate Russian olim

By
BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —
The massive aliya of Soviet Jews to Israel is "the second miracle of our generation," says the re-elected president of the Canadian Association of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Addressing the annual meeting recently at the Bradgate Arms Hotel in midtown Toronto, Aly Larson described how BGU is helping to integrate the newly-arrived Russian olim through its Soviet Immigrant Absorption Program.

The university, which has a student body of about 6,000, plans to admit at least 1,000 Soviet newcomers as students. Already, three groups totalling some 450 students have finished a preparatory program for admittance to the science-based institute of higher learning.

BGU has set up a pairing system between Russian and Israeli students in order to quicken the acclimatization of the new immigrants. Israeli students who participate in the Big Brother/Big Sister-type program receive breaks with tuition.

Larson announced that the Associates are planning a week-long mission to Israel leaving May 8, and a testimonial dinner honoring Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut at the Inn on the Park on April 24, at which the scheduled guest speaker is Jeanne Kirkpatrick, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

The Canadian Associates of BGU raised about $1.2 million last year and continued to climb in membership, Larson said. Other officers elected at the meeting include vice-presidents Austin Beutel, Penny Offman and Paul Jacobs, and honorary secretary Valerie Fine.

The guest speaker for the evening was Prof. Dov Bahat, the rector of BGU. Bahat focused his talk on the importance of the often overlooked resource of water. "The next war between the Christians and the Muslims is going to be due not to shortages of precious oil but to a shortage of water," he predicted.

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev "has an enormous concentration of specialists of renown who are dealing with various scientific aspects of water," he said.

BGU scientists are seeking methods of recycling industrial sewage, exploring subsurface water tables in the desert, conducting atmospheric research involving humidity and rain, and studying the camel and the relation of other life forms to water.

Research in the desalinization of ocean water is another important aspect of work at BGU, he said. Agricultural experiments at BGU have indicated that some plants and vegetables can thrive on a combination of fresh and brine (salty) water.

Bahat showed slides of ripe and luscious-looking greenhouse tomatoes and melons that had been produced using fresh and brine water in particular proportions. "Various mixtures are suitable for different purposes," he said.

The university is considering sponsoring courses, not necessarily in Hebrew, geared to the many requests for admittance from students in semi-arid and desert Third World countries in Africa, South America and elsewhere, Bahat said.

Bahat envisions that BGU's water-based research will eventually result in enormous gains in the political as well as the technological spheres.

"Someday, we're going to build an international centre (for water research) in which the four nations of Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Israel will be co-operating on something which is so essential for the good of Mankind," he said. "This will help bring peace to the region."

At the annual meeting of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University are (from left) Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, national president; Dr. Walter Unger, immediate past president; and Prof. Dov Bahat, BGU rector.

Financial planning urged for seniors

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Spend your money while you're alive is the advice financial consultant Marilyn Peabody gave to the Seniors Club at the Jewish Community Centre recently.

The vehicle which she recommended as the way to do this is the reverse income mortgage. She said this allows a homeowner to borrow $50,000 or $100,000 on a $300,000 house, depending on the age of the homeowner, and the principal and interest will be a charge against the estate.

Peabody, who is president of Dollars Sense for Seniors, said a reverse income mortgage would allow a parent to give a son or daughter $50,000 toward the purchase of a home at a time when the money is needed.

"There's no use waiting until you are 85 when your children are retiring themselves, the time to do it is now," she said. "Your children need the money when they are 40 with two children in university." But Peabody, who retired at age 45 herself from a teaching job at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, said she did not mean that seniors should only think of giving money to their children. "Take a trip to see all your children who live out of town," she said.

The really effective financial planner will die with $2 left in his/her estate, $1 for each of two children, she said.

Present regulations require that funds from a reverse income mortgage go into an annuity, but the Ontario Credit Union this summer expects to offer such a mortgage to allow the funds to be used in any way the borrower wishes, she said.

"Don't have any compunctions about spending your money now or worrying that you're going to live to be 90 and you'll need the money then. Your kids will look after you. If you live to be 100, you'll need less every year."

She said she has just advised her 82-year-old mother-in-law to spend her money on things she needs instead of re-investing it.

A homeowner will realize much more on a reverse income mortgage at age 75 than at age 60 as the insurance company will have to wait a lot less time for their money.

She said she and her husband do not invest more than $60,000 in any institution as this is the maximum that can be covered by deposit insurance.

If you do not have a company pension plan, Peabody said a senior should put 25 per cent of his/her income into an annuity.

She pointed out that deposit insurance does not cover investments in mutual funds. "I don't believe in tying up a lot of money with small trust companies," she said.

Everyone, no matter what age, should prepare a power of attorney for someone to manage their financial affairs in case they become incapacitated, she said.

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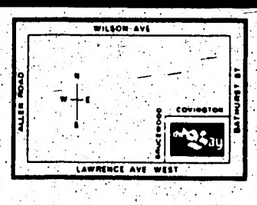

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Young Judaea programs get boost from Gulf War

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO — The Gulf War has given fresh impetus to Canadian Young Judaea (CYJ) — the country's oldest and largest non-political Zionist youth movement, say Rebecca Glass, CYJ's national program director, and Shmuel Levkovitz, national shaliach.

Recent programs have included a live telephone hook-up to Israel during a Scud alert between English-speaking members of the affiliated ha-Noar ha-Zioni and some of CYJ's 1,950 members, the painting of a 15-meter peace mural to send to Kibbutz HaSolelim, and a fund-raising campaign to buy books for bombed-out children in Tel Aviv and Haifa [CJN Feb. 14].

On Feb. 19, a 50-man delegation of 10- to 16-year-old CYJers participated in an episode of the CTV daily talk show *Shirley*.

The taping was billed as a Kids Forum on the War — in which Canadian children would have an opportunity to share their feelings and ask questions of CTV news anchorman Lloyd Robertson, a child psychologist, media analyst and military commentator.

Heated fracas

But an equally large bloc of older teenagers from the Canadian Arab Federation quickly turned the program into a heated political fracas on the Palestine linkage issue.

"There was a lot of hostility between the Jewish-and Palestinian kids," said Levkovitz.

The Arab children heckled the CYJers to such an extent that talk show hostess Shirley Solomon had to reprimand them, Glass and Levkovitz reported.

Coming up later this month, eight CYJers from Toronto, Montreal, Halifax and Vancouver will be joining 52 of their Young Judaea peers from Britain, Belgium, South America and Israel on a two-week pilgrimage to Holocaust sites in Poland followed by Passover in Israel. The international YJ mission has been held annually since 1988.

Founded in 1917, and linked with Hadassah-WIZO of Canada for the last three decades as its youth arm, Canadian Young Judaea is well known for its popular network of recreation-cum-Zionist education facilities.

Today those sites extend from Camp Hatikvah in Oyama, B.C. to Camp Kadima-Machar in Halifax, with Camp Shalom in Gravenhurst, Ont., Camp Solelim in Sudbury, and Camp Kinneret and Biluim-Canada in Mont Tremblant, Que. in between.

As well, since 1969 CYJ has been operating Biluim-Israel, a six-week summer leadership camp for 17-year-olds that explores the Jewish state.

In 1990, 75 teens participated in the program. Because of the Gulf crisis and war, registration this year is down to 30, though Glass and Levkovitz are both optimistic it will pick up now that Saddam Hussein's army has been defanged.

For many CYJ members, the school year is just an extended break between camp seasons.

Glass and Levkovitz, and eastern region shaliach Gadi Anavi — who is based in Montreal, fill those long off-season months with ongoing Israel-based programming, workshops, weekend seminars and shabbatons.

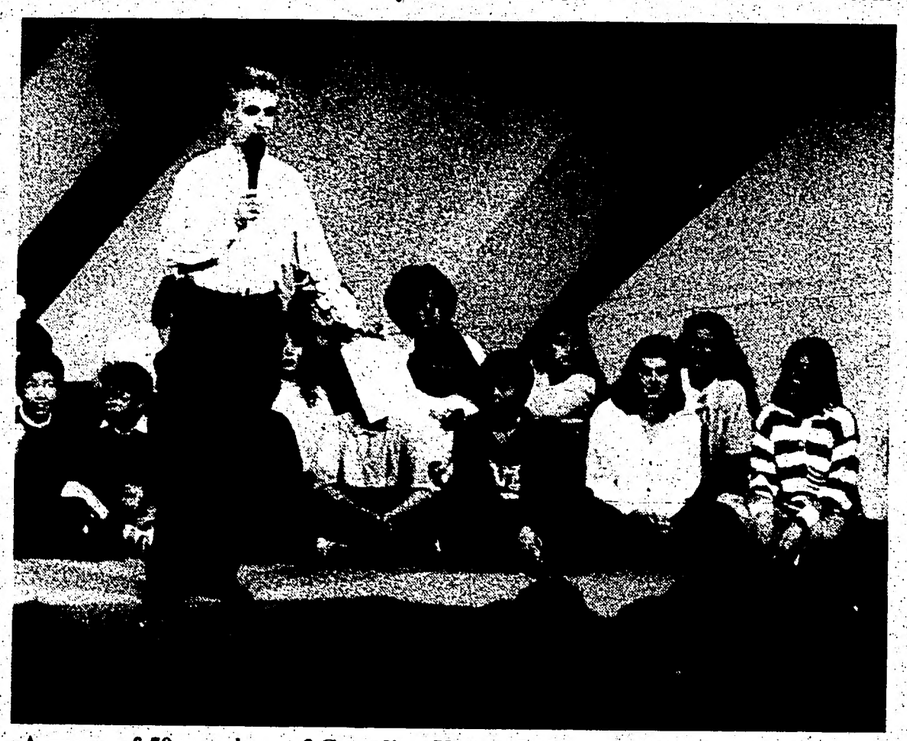
Their work is vital in small communities like Kingston, London, Peterborough, Kitchener-Waterloo, Oakville and Halifax, they say.

Upcoming programs include shabbatons scheduled in Toronto April 12-13 and Halifax April 26-27, a leadership seminar at Camp Shalom May 24-26, and a campers reunion at Camp Shalom May 10-12.

Members are also kept in touch by CYJ's 10-issues a year newsletter The Judaean.

Two years ago, Robert Feldman established a 15-man advisory board, called Friends of Young Judaea, which he currently chairs. The group is currently working on plans for CYJ's 75th anniversary next year, which promises to be a real celebration.

For more information call Canadian Young Judaea at (416) 781-5156.



A group of 50 members of Canadian Young Judaea participated in an episode of the CTV talk show Shirley last month devoted to Kids and the Gulf War.

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By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

DEADLINE REMINDER

A reminder that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e., Thursday, March 21 is deadline for April 4 issue And Thursday, March 28 is deadline for the April 11 issue).

Thursday, March 21

HIDDEN CHILDREN

The gathering of children hidden during World War II is being organized by a group of former hidden children. The goal of the gathering, say the organizers, "is to enable us to recall the past, to understand how our experiences have shaped our present and future lives, and to help one another recall and share events some of us were too young to remember."

The next meeting is at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 21 in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.

For further information, call Holocaust Remembrance Committee, 635-2883-ext. 153.

TEMPLE SINAI MUSICAL LEGACY

For this year's Sinai Musical Legacy Concert on Thursday, March 21, Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., welcomes everyone to an Oneg Shabbat program by Toronto's noted **Amati String Quartet** in a presentation of works of Jewish interest.

Services are at 8.15 p.m. and the Oneg Shabbat follows.

Friday, March 22

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will perform at Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd., offering Jewish songs, dance and semi-classical music, 2-3 p.m., Friday, March 22.

Saturday, March 23

COLOUR OF FREEDOM

Colour of Freedom 91, a program of thought-provoking entertainment in recognition of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 23.

Native issues will be explored through award winning playwright **Drew Taylor's** production, *Toronto at Dreamer's Rock*, a play which examines native issues from a historical perspective (1550s) up to the year 2025.

Other program components include dub poetry (poetry set to upbeat music) **Lillian Allen,** the Gayap Rhythm Drummers, Suwa Daiko Japanese Drummers and a traditional opening ceremony by native elder, **Vern Harper.**

The evening will also recognize the launch of the Earth Spirit Festival, a collaboration of First Nations, Inuit, Innu and Japanese-Canadian communities, who are jointly celebrating their varied cultures.

All events are free. To inquire further, call **Liz Heilreich,** 363-2607.

KEHILLAT AHAVAT CHESED

Kehillat Ahavat Chesed, an egalitarian participatory congregation, invites the community to come and pray on Saturday, March 23, Shabbat Hagadol. Services are held at 9.30 a.m. Women, men and children pray together. A kiddush follows services.

For more details, call the synagogue office at 787-2940.

Sunday, March 24

RUSSIAN SPEAKING ORT

Neva, named after the river that flows through Leningrad, is the name of the newest Metro Toronto ORT chapter of Russian-speaking women.

In Israel, in addition to its general courses, ORT is currently providing special study programs to help Russian olim adapt to their new workplace. Neva's objective is to help support these Russian immigrant students by funding special short-term scholarships.

The chapter's first fund-raising event will be a Fashion Show, 4.30 p.m. Sunday, March 24 at Club 9301 which is located at 9301 Bathurst St.

YIDDISH PLAYERS AT CAFE

The Yiddish Players - **Gloria Valentine, Allen Farkas** and **Michael Lebovic** will be performing at the newly renovated Free Times Cafe, 320 College St., 8 p.m. Sunday, March 24. Their program, in Yiddish and English, will include comedy sketches from **Shalom Aleichem** and **Dzigan & Schumacher.**

Farkas and Lebovic will entertain with songs from **Menasha Skulnick** and **Max Perlman** - *I'm Sam the Man Who Made the Pants Too long, Ven di Lakhst, It Shouldn't Happen to a Dog.* and more.

In her selections, Valentine will include the Yiddish favorites, *Rumania, Shvigaro* and *Moishele*, as well as songs in English from the New York stage.

The trio, who bring Yiddishe tahm to both Yiddish and English-speaking audiences across Canada, will be accompanied by pianist **John Nyenhuis.** Don't miss this show!

SHAAREI HAIM MONTE CARLO

Sunday, March 24, from 7.30 p.m., the odds are in your favor as the Brotherhood of Shaarei Haim Synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill, hosts its first annual Monte Carlo and Fun Auction with blackjack, wheels of fortune, bingo, an exciting auction block, and the grand prize draw of a Motorola 8000 cellular portable phone.

Tickets are $5 at the door, or in advance, from the synagogue office. Proceeds will be donated to the synagogue.

Call 884-3353 for further information.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM BROTHERHOOD

Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, will zero in on Halacha and Modernity. Jewish Law Confronts Historical Development and Technological Challenges, when he addresses Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood Breakfast Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., on Sunday, March 24. Services are at 9 a.m. and breakfast follows.

PASSOVER MODEL SEDER

Bring all your family and friends to a Passover model seder sponsored by The Toronto Jewish Society for the Hearing Impaired, 2-4.30 p.m., Sunday, March 24, at Beth Emeth Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

Cost, to members, is just $1 per person (13 years and over), non-members, 13 and over, $4, children under 13, free.

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact **Martyn Wayne** at 669-2525 TDD (evenings, 8-9 p.m.) By voice, call BRS (Bell Relay Service), 1-800 267-6600 (free toll) to reach TDD

SALSBERG AT HOLY BLOSSOM

Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood, 1950 Bathurst St., invites you to come out and hear CJN columnist, raconteur and man about Toronto and Miami, **J.B. Salsberg,** on Sunday, March 24. Services are at 9 a.m., breakfast, 9.30. Everyone is welcome.

Monday, March 25

PRE-PESACH SEMINAR

Ohr Somayach JEP (Jewish Education Program) pre-Pesach seminars with **Rabbi Uziel Milevsky,** continue at 8 p.m., Monday, March 25, at 2939 Bathurst St. (near Lawrence Ave.) when the topic will be, The Exodus.

Between 9.15 and 10 p.m., **Rabbi Yehuda Moldofsky** will conduct a practice seder, Do It Right On Seder Night.

JOINT ADULT STUDY SERIES

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am and Adath Israel Congregations continue their joint adult education series on the History of Zionism. From Balfour to the Intifada - The Dream and the Reality, with **Prof. Arnold Ages.** Next lecture is 8 p.m. Monday, March 25, at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd.

ORATORIO AT HOLY BLOSSOM

In celebration of Passover, Holy Blossom Temple presents *Israel in Egypt*, an Oratorio by **George F. Handel**, with the University of Guelph Choir, **Gerald Neufeld** conducting, and the Holy Blossom Temple Singers, **Cantor Benjamin Maissner** conducting, plus a Celebration of Psalms in a musical setting, at 8 p.m., Monday, March 25.

General admission is $12, seniors and students, $18.

MONDAY MAGIC

Come out, listen to interesting speakers, share coffee and experiences with other mothers of young children. Monday MAGIC (Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy) meets on Monday mornings from 9.30-11.30 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Babysitting is available with mature, caring and experienced sitters.

The next meeting is Monday, March 24.

For additional details, call **Sharon** at 783-7726.

Tuesday, March 26

LECTURE AND DISCUSSION GROUP

The Tuesday morning lecture and discussion group meets at 9.45 a.m. in the board room of Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Babysitting is available from 9.30-11.30 a.m. The March 26 session features **Bill Stern,** who will explain Issues in Fund raising.

CHILDREN OF DIVORCE

Divorce and its aftermath can have serious effects on children long after their parents have re-established their own lives. New Directions Forum invites everyone to a panel discussion on Children of Divorce — The Next Generation, 7.30 p.m. March 26, in the Jane Mallett Theatre, 27 Front St.

BBYO BEAUHEART CONVENTION

At BBYO's (B'nai Brith Youth Organization) annual Beauheart Convention, the youth passed a resolution affirming support for Israel and the Canadian government in conjunction with recent hostilities in the Middle East.

Highlight of the weekend was the Ball at the Parliament Buildings where members danced the night away. B'nai Brith Girls' regional executive 1990-91, seen here with regional beau Michael Bensimon includes, front row (from left) Leanne Fisman , non-metropolitan president; Natalie Blitt, regional president; Corinne Krepel, Toronto president; Shelley Schmalheiser, Buffalo president. Back row, (from left) David Blumenthal, Ottawa president; Jill Blanchard, regional secretary; Lori Sugarman, regional vice-president; Jennifer Goldhar, past president.

ORT FORUM

The Business and Professional Chapter of Toronto ORT will hold a community forum discussion on Aging, June 3 at Beth Sholom Synagogue. Seen at the planning meeting are (from left), Dr. Lesley Corrin, co-president of the Business and Professional Chapter; Karen Rubin, chairman for the panel on Aging; Kathleen Crook, acting president of Toronto Region of ORT.

Keynote speaker will be **Judith Wallerstein,** executive director of The Centre for the Family in Transition (California).

Moderator is to be **Andy Barrie,** CFRB and panelists are **Dr. G. DaCosta,** Clarke Institute; **Judy Ryan,** lawyer and mediator; **Esther Birenzweig,** Families in Tradition and **Mary Ann Lougheed,** head of guidance, Northern Secondary School.

Admission is free. For more information, call 487-5317.

NEW FRATERNAL JEWISH ASS'N

Can Israel 'Win' the Persian Gulf War? What happens in the aftermath of hostilities?

Prof. David Goldberg, political science department, York University, and publisher of Middle East Focus, will give his views during a meeting of the New Fraternal Jewish Association, scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 26 at 120 Overbrook Pl.

The public is cordially invited to attend and there will be no admission charge.

Wednesday, March 27

HIV SUPPORT GROUP

Holy Blossom Temple has organized an HIV support group for men and women who are HIV infected and those close to them. The next meeting is 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 27 at 519 Church St.

The group will continue to meet every other Wednesday.

To inquire further, call in confidence to **Hyla,** 698-4931.

JEWISH STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Arlene Bergman will describe her experience following Soviet Jews from Russia to Israel when she speaks at a 12-2 p.m. Jewish Students' Council Brunch in the Seneca Senecentre Conference Room, 1750 Finch Ave. E., Wednesday, March 27.

For additional information, call **Mahra** at 636-1880.

Thursday, March 28

AFTER HOURS AT THE ROM

Thursday After Hours at the ROM (Royal Ontario Museum), 5.30-9 p.m. offers a new alternative for an inspired night out. This month, on March 28, harpist **Joanna Jordan** entertains with classical, jazz and rock selections.

Thursday After Hours is included with museum admission. For further details, call 586-5549.

FOREST HILL LIBRARY

On Thursday, March 28 at 1.30 p.m., the films *Melina Mercouri's Athens, Harder than it Looks* and *Gros Morne*, will be screened at Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W.

For more information, call the library at 393-7706.

WYCHWOOD LIBRARY

The 1941 movie, *How Green Was My Valley*, starring **Walter Pidgeon, Maureen O'Hara, Roddy McDowell, Donald Crisp, Anna Lee** and **Barry Fitzgerald,** will be shown 6.30 p.m. Thursday, March 28, at Wychwood Library, 1431 Bathurst St.

To inquire further, call 393-7683.

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AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

DISCOVER YOUR ANCESTORS

Learn the fundamentals of researching your family tree. Join The Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada for the First Annual Jewish Genealogy Workshop, scheduled between 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, April 14 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Geared to novices as well as experienced researchers, this workshop will cover such topics as How to Get Started: European, Russian and Holocaust Research; Genealogical Resources in Toronto and Across Canada; and much more.

Dr. Stephen Speisman, archivist and author of *The Jews of Toronto: A History to 1937,* is the keynote speaker.

Cost is $20 at the door, $15 in advance, $10 for members of the society. For further information or to register, phone 782-4313 today or write to The Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada, (Toronto Branch), P.O. Box 446, Stn. A., Willowdale, Ont. M2N 5T1.

PASSOVER CANDY TREES

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Please call **Joan Stevens,** co-ordinator of volunteer services, 638-7800.

SEXUALITY WITH SUE JOHANSON

Chai and Simcha Chapters of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, present The Ins and Outs and Ups and Downs of Sexuality, with author, radio and TV talk show personality, **Sue Johanson,** 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 7 at Northview Secondary School, corner of Finch and Bathurst. A Mother's Day Gift Boutique opens at 7:15 p.m.

Tickets, $10, including refreshments, are available by calling **Sally,** 636-5812 (home) or 926-6292 (office).

SEDER FOR AIDS

Holy Blossom Temple's AIDS Committee and Brotherhood invite PWAs and people who are HIV positive, their friends, lovers, families and caregivers, to participate in a Seder for AIDS. It will be held 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, at 519 Church St., Auditorium, second floor (wheelchair accessible).

This is a last notice as RSVP is a must by March 22. There is no charge. For reservations and additional information, call in confidence to **Cindy Hershon-Zackon** at 789-3291.

VENDORS WANTED

Vendors are wanted to display your unique gifts, kosher food products, sportswear and equipment, kosher health products - at a Food, Fun and Fitness Show, to be held at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., Tuesday, May 21.

Interested persons can contact **Doreen,** 223-0672 or **Renee,** 225-6600.

NARAYEVER CONGREGATION

Narayever Congregation Adult Education, will feature sociologist **Stuart Schoenfeld** in two sessions, discussing Four Faces of Judaism, 7.30 p.m. Thursday, March 21 and Thursday, April 4 at the shul, 187 Brunswick Ave.

For more details call **Israel,** 960-3384.

ONTARIO SCIENCE CENTRE

Mindworks, which explores the mysteries of the human mind - How do we think? Why do we think? What do we think? - is the theme for the new exhibition at the Ontario Science Centre, 770 Don Mills Rd., opening March 28, 1991 and continuing through to Feb. 2, 1992.

For details, call 429-4100.

TEL-AIDE JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Are you lonely? Did a relationship just break up? Trouble at work? Perhaps a Tel-Aide volunteer could be a friend for a while.

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BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shachrit services weekdays at 8.30 a.m. For times regarding Mincha, Maariv, please call 256-1600.

Everyone is welcome.

BAYCREST NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Ongoing volunteer positions are available at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. Patients, residents and members need you to give your time for recreational, entertainment and fitness programs.

For more information, please call the Volunteer Department at 785-2850.

SHAAREI-BETH EL OAKVILLE

Shaarei-Beth El Congregation, 186 Morrison Rd., Oakville, combines a United Israel Appeal Campaign with a celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Saturday night, April 20. For details, contact the shul at (416) 849-6000.

JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE

In order to meet the needs of a modern Jewish family in a fast-paced and changing society, Jewish Family and Child Service presents the following family life workshops.

Solo Parenting: Finding the Balance Between Parenthood and Personhood — A group to discuss issues which confront the single parent, such as discipline, stress management, time management and building a new life. (Beginning in late April).

Living With Teens — A group to help parents understand their teen's behavior. You will discuss appropriate behavior expectations, discipline and ways to improve communication. (To begin late spring).

Social Skills — A group to help young adults be more comfortable with others. The workshop will help participants to develop more effective communication skills and to feel better about themselves as individuals.

Widows' Group — A discussion group will discuss coping with grief, living alone, changing relationships and looking ahead. (six sessions to begin on April 10, at 4 p.m.)

Anyone interested in participating in these programs or in working with the family life education department to plan your own programs, call **Pat,** 638-7800, ext: 215. Workshop fees are $40 per person and scholarships are available.

BRIDGING COURSE FOR WOMEN

Women's studies program, Atkinson College, in cooperation with North York Women's Centre, is sponsoring a Bridging Course for Women.

Here is an opportunity to learn in a supportive group environment, improve reading, writing and speaking skills, explore your educational options and prepare for future university study.

This 13-week non-credit course focuses on the experience of contemporary women as reflected in novels, essays and articles. It also provides orientation and information on university and college study. (A 'B' grade or better, offers admission of mature students to York University and Atkinson College).

The course is offered at North York Women's Centre, 201 Caribou Rd., North York, 7-10 p.m. Thursday evenings, April 4 through June 27.

An information and registration session is slated for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 28, at the centre. Fee is $50 plus books and enrolment is limited.

A similar course is offered at Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, 120 Aurora Heights Dr. in Aurora, Tuesday evenings, 6.30-9.30 p.m., April 2 through June 25. Registration is at the first class, 6.30 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, in the school library.

For further information on either of these, or other community courses, call **Marlene Richman,** (416) 736-5882.

MARCH IS RED CROSS MONTH

Red Cross Month continues through March.

The North York Red Cross provides emergency food and clothing as well as referrals to legal services, immigration and housing.

These are just a few of many essential services and programs which the organization offers. Last year, 400 pieces of medical equipment were loaned free of charge by the North York branch and it had more than 500 participants in its First Aid courses. Also, 31,000 units of blood were collected.

Thanks to the generosity of volunteers, blood donors and financial contributors, the North York Red Cross can continue providing humanitarian services and help when needed.

If you would like to become involved, please call 224-2202.

AIDS ASSIST

Aids Assist is a volunteer training program for practical assistance and AIDS buddy support. An orientation and information evening is scheduled for 8 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

To inquire further, call **Cindy Hershon-Zackon,** Holy Blossom Temple, 789-3291 or **Joan Stevens,** Jewish Family and Child Service, 638-7800.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

A new Narcotics Anonymous meeting is being held at Beth David Synagogue.

Narcotics Anonymous is a non-profit fellowship of men and women for whom drugs have become a major problem - recovering addicts who meet regularly to help one another stay "clean."

The meeting is held every Tuesday evening at 8 and is open to anyone who believes that he or she may have a drug problem. The third Tuesday of every month is open to family and any interested members of the community.

Beth David is at 55 Yeomans Dr., one light south of Sheppard, one block west of Bathurst.

for seniors

Senior Adult Services, North Y Branch JCC, is organizing a trip to Ottawa, May 7-9. Cruise on the Rideau Canal, visit the parliament buildings, National Gallery, Cineplus with the amazing 7-storey high Imax screen, the Museum of Civilization and more. For information, call **Teme Kernerman,** 636-1880, ext. 364.

The Labor Zionist Senior Citizens Club holds its first 1991 luncheon meeting 11.30 a.m. Wednesday, March 20, at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Reports will be given on planned trips for the summer months. The cultural and discussion group has started its new season and meets weekly on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. All members are invited to attend. The usual daily activities continue. Shuffleboard and dance classes start after Passover.

The Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, Bloor Y Branch, offers many exciting seniors' programs. Included are dancing, knitting, bridge,

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REENA DINNER

Circling in an enthusiastic hora, guests at the Reena Foundation's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, enjoy an uplifting evening planned for their enjoyment. Guest speaker at the dinner was Stubby Steinbaus, who has been helping Reena over the past years and who used to invite all the clients from one of the group homes for breakfast at his restaurant on Bathurst St. every Sunday morning. Retired now, he goes to a group home on the weekend to cook breakfast for everyone there. A particularly moving moment in the evening occured when Reena client Helen Unger proudly led the after dinner prayer.

BIALIK EXPANSION

Smiles are evident with the go-ahead given to the Bailik Hebrew Day School building expansion committee. A long waiting list of students spurs the need for a new wing plus major structural changes. A $3 million dollar campaign to attract major contributions is currently underway. Shown with the architectural plans for the new wing are (left to right), Barry Waltman, Michael Levy, Joey Steiner, Bialik board chairman and Stan Joffe. Missing from the picture is Steven Latner.

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fitness and much more. To find out about these and other programs, call **Nurit** at 924-6211, ext. 36.

The Canadian Israeli Club Aluma for Israelis and Hebrew-speaking persons 55 and over, meets every Wednesday evening from 7.30-9.30 at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. On March 27 there will be a social gathering and reading from Hebrew literature.

Senior Sinais Golden Book is ongoing. Your donations for special occasions go to Kibbutz Yahal, Israel. Place your order with **Frances Malkin,** 226-3252 or **Ida Himmelstein,** 630-3862, between 7 and 9 p.m.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., looks ahead to several outings. Included are the ballet *Sleeping Beauty*, on May 14 at the O'Keefe Centre, a two-week holiday in Switzerland staying at kosher hotels, May 28-June 11 and a trip to the Homowack Hotel in the Catskills, July 10-18. As well, there are trips to Artpark for *South Pacific*, June 26, *Funny Girl*, July 25, *Man of La Mancha*, Aug. 7 and at Stratford, *School for Wives*, Sept. 19 and *Carousel*, Oct. 30. These are all matinees. For more information, call **Lena,** 785-5773 or **Ruth,** 224-5923.

Bridge begins again in the spring.

Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Lanaido Hospital and Orphanage in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

The Friendship Club at Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., features seniors' activities such as bridge and more, Mondays and Tuesdays, noon-5 p.m. Call 393-7706 for more details.

Earl Bales Seniors Club Sheppard and Bathurst, holds a dance every Saturday evening from 7.30-10.30 in the clubhouse. There is no charge for members, non-members $1. A movie is to be screened 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, in the clubhouse. Members free, non-members $1. There will be a dance featuring a live band at the community centre on Sunday, April 14, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. Members $3, non-members $4.

A Buffalo shopping tour, is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30. Cost, $25 per person, includes a full-course kosher dinner at the Buffalo Jewish Community Centre. Another trip, a Niagara Falls and Winery Tour, is slated for Tuesday, May 7. Cost, $16 per person, includes a picnic lunch. The Buffalo and Niagara Falls trips are for members only. A Mother's Day Dinner and Dance (full course kosher dinner and a live band) is planned for Sunday, May 12, at the community centre. Cost is $15 per person (members only).

Ongoing activities in conjunction with North York Board of Education include bridge, ballroom and line dancing and fitness. Other activities are shuffleboard, rummycube and woodwork crafts. For further information call the office at 636-7856, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

At the **Wagman Centre,** 55 Ameer Ave., there will be a concert between 1.30-2.30 p.m. Sunday, March 24. Please note, there is no program on Sunday, March 31, which is the second day of Passover. Pianist **Nathan Rosen** will entertain 7.30-8.30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26 in the assembly room.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Friendship Circle for People 55 and Over and Single, will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 21, when a first-run movie will be shown. This is for members only. Fee, $1, includes refreshments.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking older adults, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For information, call **Helen Issenberg,** 225-2112.

The La'Briyut Wellness Centre at Creative Living, offers a number of programs and services free to seniors. However, you are asked to make appointments for the screening and counselling services and to register for the support groups and special health programs which will be mentioned here as the dates approach.

Nutritional counselling services are provided 10 a.m.-noon Mondays, on a weekly basis.

Be Good To Your Heart, an eight-week program, convened by public health nurse **Sandra McMillan,** 1-2 p.m. Wednesdays in the cultural room, provides information and support to help you reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke. Watch for new dates in April.

A four-session workshop, Coping With Hearing Loss, to be led by counsellors from the Canadian Hearing Society, is planned for 1.30-2.30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, 16, 23 and 30. Topics will cover communication strategies, assertive devices, etc. This program is co-sponsored by the Canadian Hearing Society Seniors Outreach Program. Register with **Sandra** at the Wellness Desk or call 225-2112.

Here's a special health program: Come with your daughters, sisters, nieces and friends, to a Breast Self-Examination Teaching Clinic to be held at the Joseph and Minnie Wagman Centre (Baycrest) 55 Ameer Ave., 9.30 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, April 24. All are welcome and there is no charge. Register with Sandra at the wellness desk or call 225-2112.

A new Stress Reduction Workshop starts in April. Call now for details. And, an eight-week Successful Slimming program begins May 6. Check future columns for more information.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band, 7.30-10.30 p.m. Sunday, March 24. Members $3, non-members $4.

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living will not be open on Sunday, March 31 because of Passover.

at the JCC

Registration is now open for spring programs at the JCC North Y Branch. These are offered through the fitness and recreation department, aquatics department, community and family services department, Koffler Centre School of dance and related arts, school of music, Koffler school of visual art and the Leah Posluns theatre school.

The JCC North Y Branch is operating a Pesach Camp. Don't Pass Over this opportunity! The program is for ages 4-12 years. Register by the day - $25/day, April 2, 3 and 4. Call **Karen Nusbaum** at 636-1880.

Back at the North Y Branch, the JCC Original Singles 50 Plus-next dance, Saturday, April 20 8 p.m. Tickets will be sold in advance. Call **Elaine Botnick Mann,** 636-1880. Don't miss out.

Dancers' Summer Project - Dance auditions will be held 4.30 p.m. Sunday, April 14, at the Koffler Centre main studio, 4588 Bathurst St. Twenty-five dancers, ages 15 and over, are required for The Ballet Project, running July 1-August 1, at the Koffler Centre School of Dance. The dancers will work and perform under the direction of Master Teacher, **Leonid Lubarsky,** who has been recommended by his former classmate and friend, **Mikhail Barishnikov.** Don't miss this exceptional opportunity. Call **Jacque** or **Elaine** at 631-5659.

North East Valley Branch JCC, 7015 Leslie St., offers adult duplicate bridge every Monday evening, 7.30-11 p.m. Cost is $3 per session. This is for members. For more information, call **Luni,** 889-0813.

The North-East Valley Branch Singles Network, 7015 Leslie St., is holding the first night Passover seder on Friday, March 29 at 7 p.m. Cost is $28 per adult and $19 child (under 16). Reservations and payment must be in by Wednesday, March 27. Call Luni, 889-0813, for more information.

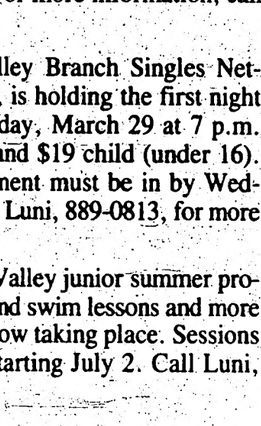
Registration for the Valley junior summer program, offering tennis and swim lessons and more for 5-12 year olds, is now taking place. Sessions are two weeks each, starting July 2. Call Luni, 889-0813, for details.

Call the JCC Singles Hotline, 889-5101 for 24-hour taped information of events at the JCC and around the city.

About People

MINTZ NAMED PROFESSOR OF TAXATION

Professor Jack Mintz of the University of Toronto's faculty of management, a former special advisor to the assistant deputy minister, corporate tax analysis, in the federal Ministry of Finance, has been named the Arthur Anderson Professor of Taxation at the University of Toronto.



Prof. Jack Mintz

Under an agreement between Arthur Anderson and Company — a widely based accounting firm — and the University, the company will make a significant contribution over three years to the University of Toronto business school to support Mintz' research into Canadian and international tax and fiscal policy issues.

In addition to his term as advisor to the department of finance, Mintz has served as a consultant on tax reform issues to the World Bank and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. He has evaluated tax reform proposals for several countries and certain Canadian provincial governments. He is currently active in the tax program of the National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, Mass.

Before joining University of Toronto's faculty of management in 1989, Mintz taught business economics and public finance and conducted research at Queen's and Carleton universities.

Mintz is also concerned with Jewish community effects. He chairs the campus services subcommittee of the cultural services planning and allocations committee of Toronto Jewish Congress and contributes his expertise in other areas of TJC and campus services. As well, he is a member of the education committee of the United Synagogue Day School. He and his wife Eleanor have two children, Avi and Gaela, who attend USDS.

FOUR C'S

Dafna Chapter of Na'amat, Toronto, learned about the four C's of diamonds — color, clarity, cut and carat — at a meeting in the home of Shelley Margel. Shown with a brochure of diamonds, are (left) Lynn Silberg, president of Dafna with DeBeer's diamonds' trade development manager, Sheryl Silberg (Lynn's sister). (photo credit, Mollie Rothman)

singles events

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

Mayfair West Racquet Club (Chesswood/Sheppard) is having its next singles party Saturday, March 23. The action begins at 7:00pm with a tennis round robin, and a dance following at 10:00pm. The cost for the tennis and dance is $18.00 for non-members, and $13.00 for Mayfair members. The cost is $8.00 after 10:00pm for the dance. Reservations are a must for tennis. Call Marcia at 638-1010. 3753

Beth Tikvah Singles (35-55) invites you to join us for **10 Pin Bowling**. Sunday, March 24. Newtonbrook Bowlerama. 4:30pm. For further information or if anyone is interested in joining our committee, please call 882-9057. 4174

The Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, North East Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St. Singles Network is holding a **Passover Seder** on Friday, March 29 at 7:00pm. Cost $28.00 adult, $19.00 per child. Payment must be made by Wednesday, March 27. For more information call Luni, 889-0813. 4190

Metro Toronto Singles presents a Pre-Passover Party at **Le Club** at the Inn On The Park Hotel (Leslie/Eglinton). Thursday, March 28, 8:30pm. Cover $10.00. For more information call **222-7111**. 4137

Lishar Productions presents **"Felix is Back Spring Bash"** at **Simcoe-North** (2 Rosehill Avenue, 2 blocks South Yonge/St. Clair) Thursday, March 28, 8:30pm. Cover $10.00. For more information call, 783-1813. 4184

Compulsive gambling the "Jewish addiction"

By GIL KEZWER

TORONTO —

"It" is a hidden pathological problem about which Jews are unlikely to turn to their rabbis, though they are disproportionately represented among the wretched ranks of its junkies.

"It" is the third leading addiction in the United States after alcoholism and substance abuse (and often forms a co-dependency), though as a "sterile addiction" and "invisible illness" it leaves no bad breath, bloodshot eyes or other tell-tale signs.

Odds are you can guess "it" is compulsive gambling.

Social worker Linda Berman told a recent Jewish Family and Child Service workshop here that compulsive gambling is "the Jewish addiction."

No longer the vice of middle-aged Jewish men, gambling is growing among Jewish women and young adults, she said.

Forty per cent of clients of Gamblers Anon in New York are Jewish, the addiction centre program co-ordinator for Westchester Jewish Community Services reported.

Though no statistics are available for Canada, Berman suggested there is nothing to indicate Canadian Jews are less inclined to bet, and to lose control over their betting.

The JF & CS here has enough cases to warrant the hiring of an addiction consultant, she pointed out.

While no studies have been done about the Jewish cultural predilection for gambling, Berman suggested it stems from their "historically having dealt with uncertainty."

The author of *Behind the 8-Ball: A Guide for Families of Gamblers*, Berman used role modelling to illustrate how the U.S. legal gambling industry has glamorized recreational wagering, and turned it into a $240-billion per year business, comparable to Exxon.

She then demonstrated how an addict self-destructs.

Playing on feelings of narcissism, grandiosity and omnipotence, "the gaming industry manipulates you to think not that you lost but that you almost won," she explained.

Once that message is internalized, gambling — with its immediate emotional and cash payoff — becomes part of one's pride system, she noted. Next "you lose your skill."

In the United States, 16 million people suffering from a narcissistic personality disorder have reached that compulsion stage where they are unable to control their abuse of money and time, Berman reported.

Cocooned by self-deception, and reinforced by an adrenalin high "better than drugs, better than sex," they try to compartmentalize their addiction and family life.

Some successfully hide their addiction from spouses and children until their lives collapse under the pressure of debt and threats of loan sharks, she observed.

The sums may vary from $500 to millions depending upon an individual's resources and the availability of credit, she said, but the process is invariably the same.

Many despairing addicts on the way down to a crash seek relief in liquor or drugs. For 20 per cent of compulsive gamblers, the unravelling ends in suicide.

Berman counsels that addicts must be continually "smacked in the face with the consequences" of their gambling to help them break the cycle of self-deception.

She urges mental health professionals to overcome their reticence in discussing a client's financial affairs.

"I see it as a disease, as is alcoholism and substance addiction," reflected Berman. "But like other diseases, it's absolutely treatable."

For more information call Rochelle Thompson at the JF & CS, (416) 638-7800, or Gamblers Anonymous, (416) 366-7613.

Watch for our
Passover Greetings Section
in next week's issue

Rules not more lenient on holidays: Schacter

Technology altering religious laws

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
The widely-held belief that the laws governing household work on holidays are more lenient than those on Shabbes is a fallacy.

Rabbi Hershel Schacter, rosh kollel of Yeshiva University Rabbi Yitzchak Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), was speaking at an Adult Education lecture at B'nai Torah Congregation sponsored by the Mizrachi Organization of Toronto.

Many of the seeming leniencies, he said, arose because of the primitive technological conditions of centuries past.

For instance, he explained, food had to be cooked on a two-day holy day simply because there was not the refrigeration available to keep food fresh.

It is permissible, he said, to do that which one ordinarily does just before a meal.

Since one does not, for instance, pick fruit or grind grain just before lunch, he said, accordingly, one may not on yom tov do such actions.

"If you live in an area where there is no eruv (a man-made boundary built to allow people to carry outdoors on Shabbat or yomim tovim), you can carry a baby, a lulav, a Torah, food to the succah, your tallis or machzor — anything you will need to properly celebrate that holiday."

As well, he said, you are not allowed to prepare on the first day yom tov for the second day.

This means, for instance, that you can't set the table for the second seder until dark on the second day (Saturday night, this year).

You are not allowed to strike a match to light the holiday candles on yom tov, either, he pointed out.

One must use an existing flame (such as the flame of a gas stove, or a yahrzeit lamp).

Rabbi Schachter objected to the custom of waiting until the husband gets home from shul to light the candles.

"Just as it is a mitzvah to bring in Shabbes early, so too one should light the holiday candles as early as is permitted."

He also suggested lighting the second day candles in a different room from the first day, since the candles are intended to spread the light of yom tov to a wider and wider area.

However, one should light the candles in a room where one will actually be, so that one will enjoy the light.

This, he said, is a problem if you are in a hotel, where everyone lights in a separate room and goes off to a different room to eat.

Jokingly suggesting that one deal with that difficulty by staying home, he said that the candles should be lit on a table in the hotel dining room.

Eruv tavshilin, the ceremony which allows one to cook on yom tov for the next day if the next day is Shabbes, is usually done with a hardboiled egg and, a piece of bread (or matza on Pesach).

In the first place, he said, if you do not intend to bake for Shabbes, there is no need to use something baked.

As well, there is nothing especially "shabbesdik" about eggs, Rabbi Schachter said, adding that it is preferable to use gefilte fish or chopped liver made especially for Shabbes ("shabbesdik" food, and not food which could just as well be eaten any time at all.)

There are fallacies about Pesach rules too, Rabbi Schachter said.

It is not true, he said, that one is automatically allowed to take medicine that contains chometz if one is sick.

If there is kosher for Pesach medicine available, he said, one is not permitted to use chometz.

Chometz should be sold only when one is sure not to buy any more chometz before Pesach, he said, since "you can't sell what you haven't bought yet."

That which we retain to burn, so that we are still observing the mitzva of destroying all chometz, must be burnt at the last possible moment, after we are pretty sure the rabbi has arranged for the sale to go through.

"It is no good to burn our chometz while we still own a whole bunch of it!"

A difficulty may arise, he said, when one is spending Pesach in a totally different time zone from where their chometz is (for instance, if your home is in Canada and you are spending Pesach in Israel.)

In that case, he said, be sure to advise your rabbi to make the sale and repurchase take effect well before and after you will be observing Pesach.

If you have shares in a corporation that deals in chometz, one must make the rabbi selling your chometz aware of that fact.

If you are one of many shareholders in the company, it is not so significant, he said.

A problem which has not been resolved, however, he said, is when the company is mostly owned by a Jew, who is not particular about selling his chometz.

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A telephone company technician in Israel connects a line while children play with the new telephones. Since the war ended, the Education Ministry has ordered all nursery schools to have a telephone before being allowed to reopen.[IPPA photo]

Recognize marriage's limits: rabbi

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

MARKHAM —
Although Jews view marriage as a commitment for life they also realize that two people are sometimes too incompatible to continue in a marriage, says the chairman of the Rabbinical Court of Toronto.

"Jews have an understanding and recognition of the practical aspects of life and there is a process by which the marriage can be desolved," Rabbi Mordecai Ochs said recently at a panel discussion on marriage sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch of Markham.

Other panel members included Jeff Mintz, a clinical social worker with Jewish Family & Child Service and educator/lecturer Sherri Wise.

Mintz said that the mistake engaged couples often make is that they come into a marriage thinking that whatever is missing in their lives will become complete upon marriage. "Unfortunately, this is not what happens. Marriage is designed to be a process that is carried on throughout life."

He cited mountain climbing as an analogy and

Rabbi Mordecai Ochs

said that "just like a mountain climber must spend an enormous amount of time preparing his base camp so a couple must put time into its marriage. A climber may study the route and buy equipment but it is the base camp that enables him to successfully reach the summit. This is what marriage is all about. Although the couple works on other endeavors, work must be done on the base camp."

Mintz said that both partners must acknowledge that marriage is not easy work "but the more we put into it in early years, the easier it gets later on. The ability to acknowledge that something is difficult, allows us to transcend the difficulty."

He told the group that when a marriage is in difficulty the first thing a couple must do is stop wishing that the marriage is something it is not. "The real work of marriage is working through difficulties. When people decide to end a marriage, especially if there are children, the difficulties only continue and intensify. They do not go away."

Mintz said that it is important for couples to realize that the fantasy of love is entirely separate from hard work and turmoil. "If you can accept the fact that the romantic notion of love is a fantasy than you can begin working on the marriage."

He said that the validation that one achieves in a spousal relationship is what is most important in life. "A marriage must come first. Many difficulties arise when there are parents who have trouble perceiving their married children as adults who are able to run their own lives. A couple cannot let these parents take priority over its own family."

Mintz said that there are mediation services available that are able to help families discover if troubled marriages are salvageable. "If a marriage is indeed beyond help than the mediator will help the couple follow an amicable process of separation."

Wise said that in a Jewish marriage the physical act goes beyond bearing children. "That bond is an essential aspect of a marriage."

She said that observant Jews are fortunate in that the laws of family purity in which there is no physical relationship for approximately two weeks each month "have emancipated them from boring relationships. After two weeks couples are eager to be back together. These laws preclude us from taking one another for granted."

She added that this period of separation also gives a couple the challenge of finding ways to engender emotional intensity without any physical contact. "We can view separation as a preparation for a more meaningful reunion, not as an onerous burden."

Rabbi Ochs stressed that the goal to which a married couple should strive is to form a "life long association between two human beings. If one divorces one's wife of youth, even the altar weeps."

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Organizations and People

Senior Care runs support groups

Alzheimer's caregivers receive help

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — More and more attention is being focussed on the caregivers of people with Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders.

Senior Care's social workers, Shirley Weiss and Marilyn Gruneir, have introduced support groups for caregivers that have proven to be overwhelmingly successful and some of the groups continue to meet as friends well after the program is completed.

These groups, notes Gruneir, support Senior Care's philosophy of enabling the elderly and their families to obtain services necessary for continuing to live with dignity in the community.

Last year, Weiss and Gruneir, working as co-facilitators, introduced two separate classifications of caregiver support groups — one for spouses and one for adult sons and daughters of cognitively impaired elderly.

Weiss says that experience has shown that the caregiving issues and needs of spouses and children differ. She explains that elderly spouses must cope with their own physical deterioration and mourning the loss of their spousal relationship.

Senior Care social workers, Marilyn Gruneir (left) and Shirley Weiss introduce support groups for caregivers of people with cognitive disorders.

"On the other hand," notes Gruneir, "the adult child is usually trying to juggle career, family responsibilities and the demands of being a caregiver."

In their experience, and in reviewing the literature on caregiver support groups, Weiss says that "there is a statistically significant reduction in anxiety, depression and/or sense of burden among the family caregivers who have participated in support groups."

To help understand the issues facing caregivers, guest speakers are invited to address the support groups on such topics as financial planning and community resources.

Along with informal discussions, Weiss and Gruneir provide the participants with handouts and when appropriate, they view audio-visual presentation followed by discussions on the topic.

At a recent self-help meeting for children of the cognitively impaired, Gruneir said the participants spoke of their feeling of being "less isolated" and they said they appreciated the opportunity to share their emotions and experiences in a warm and caring environment. Support group members were able to provide practical suggestions to other members from their own personal experiences.

This, says Weiss, enables them to learn various coping strategies. They learn how to negotiate the formal resources available in the community and it provides a supportive environment particularly helpful when a caregiver is dealing with a crisis situation such as, placing a spouse or parent in a nursing home."

She adds, "We were struck by the caring and concern members developed for each other. Courageously, the members open up and share their experiences with one another, something they find difficult to do even with those who are close to them."

Senior Care programs for caregivers also include individual and family counselling, respite care, referral and assessment services.

Senior Care will continue to offer support groups for members of the community. For further information about Caregivers Support Groups, contact Shirley Weiss or Marilyn Gruneir at Senior Care, (416) 635-2860.

Lets elderly remain at home

Baycrest reaches out to senior citizens

TORONTO — To many people Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care is strongly identified with institutional care of the elderly.

In fact, the centre does deliver many of its services to patients at Baycrest Hospital and residents at the Jewish Home for the Aged. Now Baycrest is expanding its reach out into the community to help elderly people living at home and their families cope with a variety of health and social problems.

"This kind of community outreach — bringing our physicians, nurses, social workers and therapists to the elderly — is a growing phenomenon which has many definite advantages," says Sandra Leggat, Baycrest's director of planning.

She adds that the emphasis on community services is in line with changes to the system of long term care which the provincial government is now considering. The previous Liberal government had suggested a renewed emphasis on community delivery of health and social service delivery which Baycrest supports, says Leggat, as long as it's balanced with institutional care for those who need it.

Many existing programs and services offered by Baycrest have a community service component, says Leggat, and are especially useful for elderly clients.

"Many elderly people are simply unable to get out and travel to a facility for these services. Others may be more receptive to assessment and treatment when it's carried out in a non-threatening environment such as their own home. Also, because our professionals get to see the person in his or her own environment, they can suggest treatment plans which can be more easily adapted to the client's lifestyle."

In co-ordination with the province's Regional Geriatric Program (RGP), Baycrest — along with other hospitals in the area — provides a network of specialized geriatric services to the elderly in Metro's northern region. Within the framework of the RGP, Baycrest estabished a Community Outreach Team.

The team consists of a geriatrician, a clinical nurse specialist, an occupational therapist and a social worker who offer assessment and treatment planning to the elderly in their homes. The team also has access to other Baycrest professionals including a physiotherapist, an audiologist, psychologist, and a speech-language pathologist.

In addition to its community outreach program, Baycrest has been expanding its out-patient services through the Regional Geriatric Program. This spring Baycrest will introduce a new behavioral neurology out-patient program to serve people in the community who have certain behavioral problems caused by conditions such as stroke, Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease. In the past, says Leggat, these consultations could only be done by admitting these people to Baycrest Hospital.

The RGP outreach and out-patient programs complement other similar programs which have operated within Baycrest for many years — for example, the day care, day hospital and day treatment unit, which offer a welcome alternative to a hospital stay for many elderly people and their families.

Oat bran only as good as one's diet: Berkoff

By
BEN ROSE

The value of oat bran in lowering cholesterol "has been a little overstated," a Mount Sinai Hospital dietitian says.

Frances Berkoff told a recent meeting of the Canadian Diabetes Association, Jewish Chapter at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue that "you can't have eggs and then oat bran, hoping the oat bran will soak up the cholesterol."

However, Berkoff said soluble fibres such as oatmeal, oat bran, lentils, legumes and some citrus fruits are needed in the diet of diabetics to lower fat. Soluble fibres are better at reducing cholesterol than insoluble fibres such as cereals and breads.

Fruits, veggies good at Pesach

The three essentials for diabetics are to reduce weight, eat meals on time and have a low-fat diet.

To reduce fat intake, she suggested having eggs only one or twice a week, eating only lean meats, halfing use of butter or margarine, using less salad dressing and removing the skin from chicken.

"A low-fat diet is difficult to keep to during Passover, but it is only a week in our lives. It's the other 51 that count. Try eating more fruits and vegetables during Passover."

Berkoff said that people often complain of a full, bloated feeling from eating fibre, but this can be offset by drinking lots of water.

Berkoff said there is "real value" in having meat in one's diet, provided it is lean. Veal and beef have about the same amount of fat.

Stressing the need for diabetics to maintain reduced weights, she said that if they cut their food intake by only 100 calories a day, it will result in a weight loss of 10 pounds in a year.

Certain kinds of labelling pose a hazard for diabetics, she said. For example, the word light on olive oil bottles refers to its color, not its content.

Chapter co-chairman Rosalie Latchman urged members to write to manufacturing asking them to improve their labelling.

Esther Schwartz, kosher food consultant of Toronto Jewish Congress demonstrated a Passover recipe that makes 16 bagels, 16 cream puffs or 128 soup nuts.

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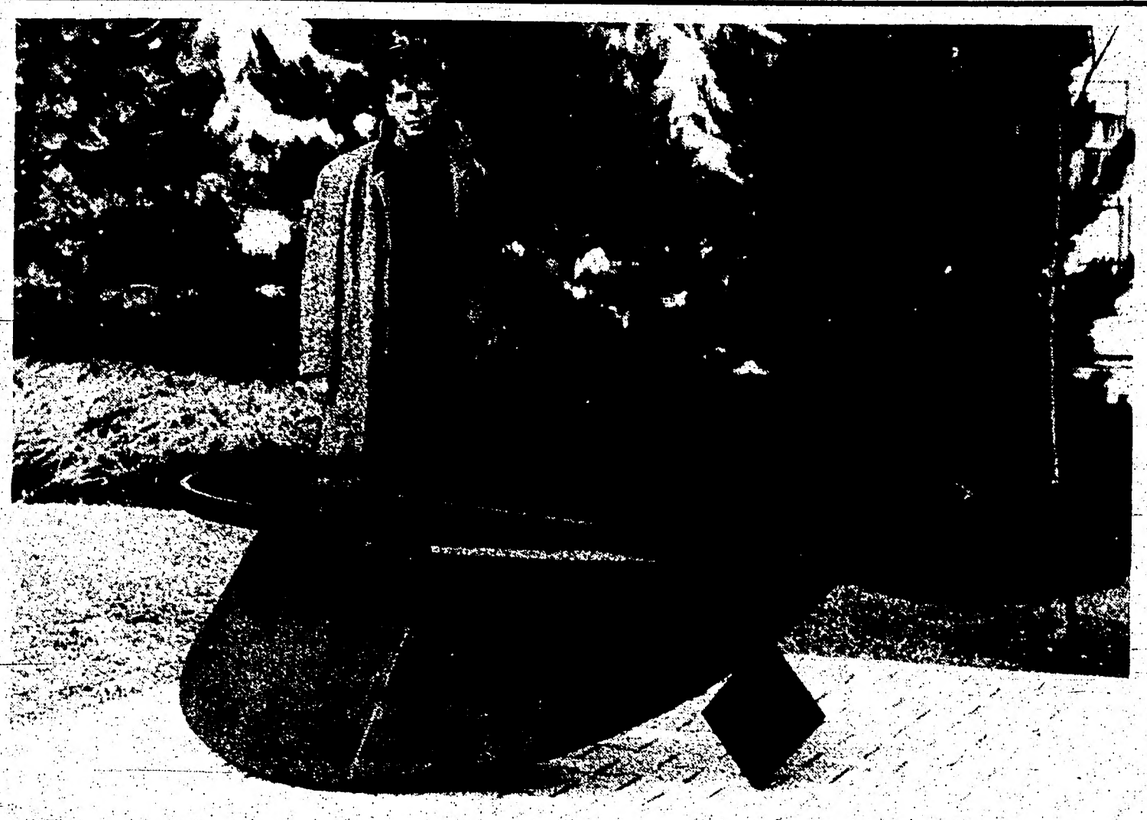

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Canadian artist Andre Fauteaux stands beside the sculpture he donated to the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

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TORONTO —

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The workshop, the first of its kind in Toronto, will be geared both to the novice and the experienced researcher. It is being sponsored by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada, Toronto branch, the foremost organization devoted to Jewish genealogy in Canada.

Special guest speaker is Dr. Stephen Speisman, archivist for the Canadian Jewish Congress (Ontario Region) and author of The Jews of Toronto: A History to 1937.

Topics will include How To get Started; European, Russian and Holocaust Research; Genealogical Sources in Toronto and Across Canada; Ideas, Techniques and Alternate Sources of Genealogical Information, and much more.

All registrants will receive printed kits on Jewish genealogy and individual help on particular genealogical problems, if requested.

The cost for non-members is $15 in advance, $20 at the door. The cost to new or current members of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada is $10.

Membership in the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada costs $25 annually, and includes a subscription to the quarterly newsletter, Shem Tov. The JGSC, a registered non-profit charitable organization, will issue tax receipts to all workshop participants and new members.

Members of the public wishing further information or wanting to pre-register are requested to call 782-4313 or write to: The Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada (Toronto Branch), P.O. Box 446, Stn. A, Willowdale, Ont. M2N 5T1.

Jews "cool" to Christian outreach

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

A little known rural Manitoba Christian group's effort to show solidarity with Israel, by sponsoring a "Chai" night at the Winnipeg Convention Centre on March 14, drew a cool response from the city's Jewish community.

Typifying the community's wariness, Brenda Barrie, public relations director for the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, expressed concern about long-term ulterior motives, particularly in regard to Soviet Jewish immigrants and any connections the Church may have to Jews for Jesus.

Roger Armbruster, however, denies his Maranatha Good News Centre, located in Niverville 40 kilometres (25 miles) south of Winnipeg, has any interest in proselytization nor any connection with Jews for Jesus.

"I can understand the Jewish community's suspicions," says Armbruster. "We haven't had much contact with people in Winnipeg. People don't know who we are. We are absolutely confident, though, that our motives are pure. We are open to meeting with Jewish leaders and answering any questions."

Armbruster explains his church is a non-denominational, non-traditional church cognizant of its Jewish heritage. One of the ways it expresses that heritage is through dance. Its dance troupe has been in contact with Winnipeg's Chai Folk Ensemble and some of the Niverville dancers were at the major annual Chai concert in January. That seems to have been the inspiration for the Niverville church group's Chai night.

"With Israel under attack (from the Iraqi Scud missiles), it seemed to be a good time to convey the message that non-Jews support and stand with Israel and the Jewish community," says Armbuster.

Because the Maranatha Good News Centre's main connection with Winnipeg Jewry is through the Chai Folk Ensemble, invitations were sent to 150 Chai supporters. The evening of Israeli song and dance featured singers Merv and Marla Watson, a British Columbia duo who lived in Israel for 12 years. The Watsons, Armbruster says, were connected with the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem.

"They believe their calling is to encourage the nations to stand together with Israel," he says. "In their music, they do nothing to draw attention to their personal beliefs. The Jewish community need fear no offence. I was at a concert they gave in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, in 1983. The local Jewish community all came. Everyone talked about what an uplifting evening it had been."

Admission to the concert was free of charge. There was seating for 300-400. "We would appreciate it if even a small number of Winnipeg Jews checked out the concert and made their assessments," Armbruster said a few days before the concert took place.

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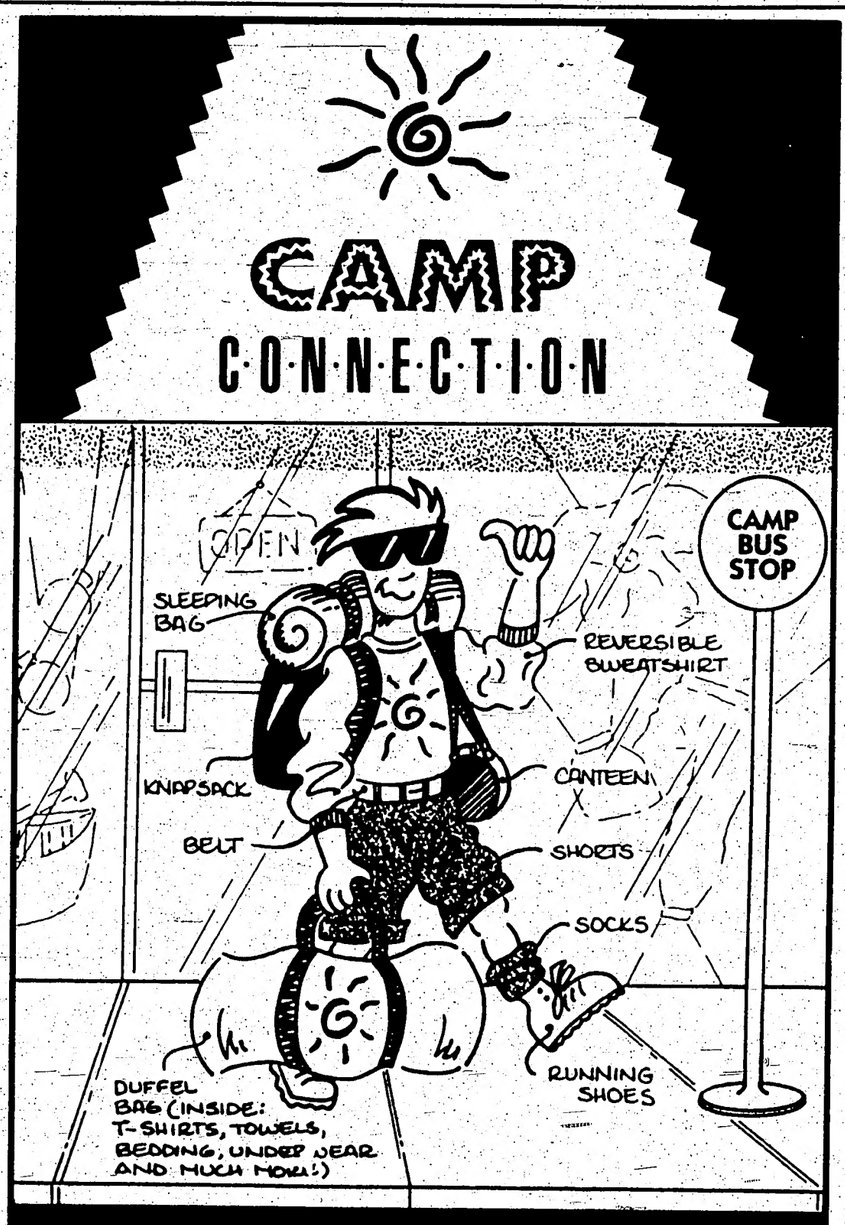

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Organizations and People

At the Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda Monte Carlo Night are (from left) Harvey Solursh, incoming chairman, State of Israel bonds; James Graff, function co-chairman; David Anisman, function chairman; Rabbi Joseph Kelman, Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda Synagogue; and Lawrence Waller, executive director, State of Israel Bonds. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

Shul reinvests $1M Bond Note

TORONTO —

Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda Synagogue recently hosted its annual Monte Carlo Dinner, and marked the 17th consecutive year that the congregation has turned over a $1 million State of Israel Note for re-investment.

Every year since 1975, David Anisman and his wife, Sandra, have organized the special evening, working closely with co-chairman James Graff. The "Monte Carlo Dinner" gained its fame from the days when the grand prize was a General Motors Monte Carlo. The car was traditionally donated by David Anisman. More recently, the car has been replaced with a $5,000 grand prize.

Charging $125 per person at the well-attended event, the synagogue collects an amount of money which is earmarked for a special million dollar note fund. This fund is then used to help finance the purchase of the Million Dollar State of Israel Note.

The Million Dollar Note Program is a very unique and innovative program which allows credit-worthy individuals and organizations to supply the State of Israel with very large amounts of capital.

In this case, the note had been purchased years ago by the congregation and re-invested this year.

The synagogue borrows the full amount of money needed to purchase the note. Interest is paid on the borrowed money in the same way as a regular bank loan. At the same time, the synagogue collects interest on the note itself (directly from the government of Israel). The difference in interest paid out and interest collected is covered by the synagogue's fund.

This fully-financed purchase plan, specially designed for the purchase of Million Dollar State of Israel Notes, has been used by many large investors worldwide. The note program offers an attractive financial instrument for the investor, as well as supplying Israel with much needed capital.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue currently holds a total of five State of Israel Notes. Each note comes up for renewal on an annual basis, at which time the synagogue undertakes the re-financing.

Information supplied by the State of Israel Bonds office indicates that the synagogue's record of purchasing notes is unsurpassed in North America.

To cap off the evening, the synagogue was presented with a plaque of recognition, while Mr. and Mrs. Anisman and James Graff received the new Israel President's Club award. The award recognizes those who have demonstrated an outstanding level of support for Israel, and a determination to build a safe and secure future for Israel.

Seder is planned for Cummer Lodge

TORONTO —

The Mitzvah Volunteers of Cummer Lodge plan to have a seder for the Jewish residents of Cummer Lodge on the second night of Passover, with family members joining their loved ones in this Metro home for the aged.

Kosher Passover foods for the seder rituals, for the festive dinner (and for the duration of Pesach) will be provided. Seder leader will be Carl Rees, who is also the reader for the twice-monthly Sabbath morning services in the Cummer Lodge auditorium, which is transformed for Shabbat worship into a sanctuary complete with mezuzah, silver ewer and bowl, kiddush cup, and a sign proclaiming this the Kehilat Beit Avot.

The Mitzvah Volunteers, a group of Jewish men and women who have loved ones residing in Cummer Lodge, were honored recently by the chaplaincy division of Jewish Family and Child Services, as recognition for the yiddishkeit they bring into the lives of the 70 Jews in the 450 bed facility, through Sabbath services and celebration of every major and minor holiday in the Jewish calendar, most recently a Purim Party with songs by Cantor Ephraim Sapir of the Beth Tikvah synagogue.

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- should conflict rules extend to gifts and benefits received because of position or office?
- should local politicians be required to disclose significant assets and interests which may create conflicts?
- do the current rules deal adequately with elected officials undertaking additional paid activities?

If you would like to make a presentation, please call the toll-free number listed below to book the time. An advance copy of any material you intend to present would be appreciated. Please send it to:

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Written submissions will also be welcome. Please send them to the above address before May 31, 1991. All presentations and submissions may be made in either English or French. All submissions to the committee will be considered public information.

Discussion paper

You can get a copy of a discussion paper on this topic (in English or French only), prepared last year by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs or the committee's terms of reference, by calling us. Copies for reading are available in the office of your municipal clerk or at the main branch of your local library system.

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Public Meeting Schedule

Municipality: Mississauga Date: Tues., Apr. 2
Dufferin-Peel S.S. Board, 40 Matheson Blvd. West
Municipality: Windsor Date: Tues., Apr. 2
Windsor Public Library, 850 Ouellette Ave.
Municipality: Thorold Date: Wed., Apr. 3
Niagara Regional Municipal Offices, 2201 St. David's Rd.
Municipality: London Date: Wed., Apr. 3
Best Western Lamplighter Inn, 591 Wellington Rd.
Municipality: Toronto Date: Thurs., Apr. 4
Toronto Board of Education Auditorium, 155 College St.
Municipality: Ottawa Date: Tues., Apr. 9
Ottawa-Carleton Regional Municipal Offices, 111 Lisgar St.
Municipality: Oshawa Date: Tues., Apr. 9
Oshawa Municipal Offices, 50 Centre St. South
Municipality: Cornwall Date: Wed., Apr. 10
St. Lawrence's Theatre, Windmill Point, Belmont St.
Municipality: Hamilton Date: Wed., Apr. 10
St. Mary's High School Auditorium, 1400 Main St. West
Municipality: Peterborough Date: Tues., Apr. 23
Peterborough Municipal Offices, 500 George St. North
Municipality: Timmins Date: Tues., Apr. 23
Northern College, Hwy. 101 East, South Porcupine
Municipality: Kingston Date: Wed., Apr. 24
Kingston Public Library, 130 Johnson St.
Municipality: Sudbury Date: Wed., Apr. 24
Holiday Inn, 85 St. Anne Rd.
Municipality: Sault Ste. Marie Date: Thurs., Apr. 25
Sault Ste. Marie Municipal Offices, 99 Foster Dr.
Municipality: Orillia Date: Tues., Apr. 30
Twin Lakes Secondary School Cafetorium, 381 Birch St.
Municipality: Pembroke Date: Tues., Apr. 30
Best Western Inn, 1 International Dr.
Municipality: Owen Sound Date: Wed., May 1
Royal Canadian Legion Hall, 1900 Third Ave. West
Municipality: North Bay Date: Wed., May 1
North Bay Municipal Offices, 200 McIntyre St. East
Municipality: Kenora Date: Tues., May 7
King George VI Elementary School, 320 8th Ave. South
Municipality: Kitchener Date: Tues., May 7
Kitchener Public Library Auditorium, 85 Queen St. North
Municipality: Thunder Bay Date: Wed., May 8
Thunder Bay Municipal Offices, 500 Donald St. East
Municipality: Scarborough Date: Wed., May 8
Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Dr.
Municipality: Fort Frances Date: Thurs., May 9
Fort Frances Municipal Offices, 320 Portage Ave.
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Manufacturer/retailer imports fabric

Rosselli cuts costs by eliminating the middleman

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

It is possible to have a positive shopping experience with the whole family.

While the females of the family enjoy selecting outfits from the spaciously layed-out racks of exclusive clothing, husbands can sip a hot cup of coffee while watching a big screen television with their children.

This statement may sound a little odd to those women who know what it's like to take their husband and children into a boutique, but now, at least one store has an answer.

Today, with the emphasis on service and customer satisfaction, Rosselli Exclusive Clothiers seems to have all the bases covered.

Although the lounge area is impressive, customers will also be won over with the fashions, the prices and the layout of the store.

Executive vice-president Brian Rosenbaum said the business was founded on the premise that Canadian women should not have to travel to the United States to purchase quality fashion at affordable prices.

How does the company manage to produce items which he says are priced lower than those found in Buffalo?

"We have our own private label which means we don't have to purchase our merchandise. We manufacture all our own garments on site."

"We have our own in-house design team, cutters and operators which means we can put a style into production in no time," he said adding that once the label is sewn into the garment, it is literally ticketed and put on the floor.

In addition to eliminating the middle man, Rosenbaum's family has spent more than 30 years in the fabric industry. Consequently, the Rosselli design team is able to produce garments from quality materials.

"My family imports fabrics from around the world. They import from the Orient and all over Europe to sell to retail fabric outlets and manufacturers. Because of this connection, our costs are substantially lower.

"In essence, we have a two-fold savings over other manufacturers."

Rosenbaum said another positive point to his business is the fact that all the designs are exclusive.

In no other store will a customer see a Rosselli garment for sale. While the name might not be as well known as an Alfred Sung, customers benefit from the exclusiveness of their wardrobe without sacrificing high fashion styles and quality.

"We offer prices to our customers that justify shopping in Toronto. Not only do our prices match those in Buffalo but my sale prices are lower. Where else can you find a 100 per cent wool skirt for $25 (on sale)?"

Rosenbaum left his law practice to open Rosselli's after seeing the growing demand for lower prices.

"My friends were yearning to go shopping the U.S. It has become such a given that the prices there are so much lower, that Canadians don't even look at what's in their own backyard anymore.

"Here, we're a 15-minute drive as opposed to an hour-and-a-half ... and people don't have to deal with the border fiasco."

Asked if this type of company was the wave of the future Rosenbaum said, "I think we'll see a movement towards that type of merchandise. There's certainly a market for it."

Of the 32,000-sq.-ft. Rosselli building at 1177 Caledonia Rd. an enormous selection of the latest fashions occupy 20,000 feet in the open-to-the-public warehouse.

"We offer high-end quality fashions — everything from cocktail clothing to career separates."

For spring, Rosenbaum said the fabrics include pure silk (sandwashed and raw), cotton, linen and a cotton/linen blend, which Rosenbaum described as a "beautiful piece of goods."

Fabrics are important because the buying trend seems to favor well-made, quality garments that co-ordinate with the entire wardrobe, Rosenbaum said.

The co-ordinates appeal to career women because they are an efficient way to dress. Rosselli offers complete color and fashion stories to the customer.

For example, one may choose from two styles of pants, a short or long skirt and several jacket styles. In addition, there are co-ordinated prints available in blouses and skirts.

From the embroidery to the style of buttons, the garments are simple and classic. Consequently, these pieces appeal to a broad cross section of the population.

Some of the shades Rosenbaum has for spring season include coral, pink, ivory, white, black and navy.

Nautical and safari themes have been incorporated into the line.

Rosenbaum said some of the expected top sellers for spring are the coatdress and the swing coat.

Three size ranges are available ... petite, regular, and size 18 plus ... great news for those women who aren't a perfect size 10.

Customer satisfaction is important to Rosenbaum and in order to ensure this, he has set up a system that immediately responds to his customers buying trends.

For example, because everything is done on site, if a particular jacket is not selling, Rosenbaum is able to change the color or the cut of the garment. All this information is derived from feedback from the customer.

"We can diagnose the problem and respond with changes," Rosenbaum said.

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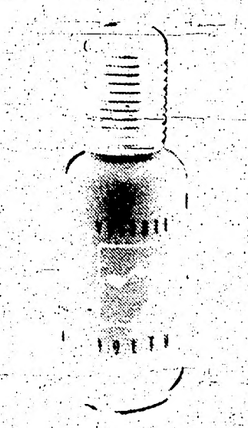

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By VIVIEN SHARON

Rock junkies Joel Rabinowitz and Brent Kopperson have been blazing new trails in the multi-million dollar business of rock merchandising for the past three years.

The dynamic duo wholesales high-quality rock souvenirs — from tour jackets and hats, to T-shirts and sweatshirts — for more than 200 bands in Canada under the name of Backstage Pass.

"Before we came along, rock fans could only buy souvenirs at concerts or other special events," says Kopperson in his office recently. "We are the first to move rock merchandising from concert venues to retail stores, creating a legitimate mainstream retail market for our product."

Backstage Pass, the exclusive Canadian licensee for Winterland Productions Inc., a San Francisco-based merchandising company, has racked up an impressive list of rock clients. Madonna, New Kids on the Block, Paula Abdul, George Michael, MC Hammer, Janet Jackson, Jimi Hendrix and Led Zeppelin are only several of the hot sellers among teens today.

Because of the volubility of the music industry, the duo is constantly on the lookout for new rock talent. Rock charts are the team's barometer, fashion a vehicle for creative expression. Both admit to occasionally staking out local high schools to feel the pulse of the teen fashion scene.

British Columbia-native Kopperson, formerly the director of business development for a large multi-national aerospace company, oversees all product development and marketing. Montreal-born Rabinowitz, a former musician and clothing representative, looks after sales.

In 1988, after four months of planning, both quit $100,000-a-year jobs to create Backstage Pass.

"We found a large market, namely children of yuppies, who were fashion-conscious like their parents. They indentified with their favorite rock stars, so we decided to develop fashion apparel with that in mind," Kopperson added.

Their first account was four branches of The Bay. Business soon mushroomed to include all major department stores across Canada, including 2,000 independent retailers.

With a growing staff of 30 employees and sales representatives nationwide, the company recently moved to larger premises. A 6,500 square-foot modern Downsview office houses the administrative operation. Raw materials are stored and assembled in a 6,000 square-foot warehouse in Concord. A United States branch office in Chicago is slated to open in the near future.

Much of the company's success can be attributed to an upbeat, youthful product that constantly keeps up with the latest rock stars, coupled with a unique marketing strategy.

The duo came up with the concept of incorporating a rock boutique within a department store, complete with rock merchandise and music props built around a theme, a division from normal mass merchandising.

As a result, there was an explosion in sales.

"Kids have grown to recognize our label and identify it with rock and rap music," added Kopperson.

New for spring is the company's own streetwear creation: Wizard Wear. Developed by the owners together with in-house creative director and designer, Nick Schnier, the apparel line is geared for the adolescent, teen and young adult market.

In 100-per-cent cotton denim, the items include jackets, T-shirts, jeans and sweats that team with solid lycra stretch tights, biker shorts, a mini skirt and a dress.

A '60s retro look for the '90s, Wizard Wear features a new, tie-dyed process in which multi-colored splashes are applied to a solid black background.

Jeans and jackets retail for $59.95, T-shirts, $21.95, and sweats, up to $39.95. Wizard Wear is exclusive to Backstage Pass.

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Volume cuts Olsen's costs

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

When it comes to garments with that European flair, who says you can't have your dress and afford it too?

Olsen European Fashions, a worldwide trading company whose head office is in Hamburg, Germany, offers a line of women's clothing that is both fashion conscious and affordable.

David Cotton, Olsen's Canadian distributor, says that the consumer benefits from the size of the global company because it cuts garments in vast quantities.

"Olsen shows about 1,000 samples per season, and it cuts many pieces of each sample. Consumers benefit pricewise because with so many garments being cut, the cost per unit is less."

Cotton says that Olsen manufactures its line in 22 countries around the world.

"Each country specializes in one type of clothing. For instance, the silk outfits may be produced in China, the T-shirts in Greece and the sweaters may be made in England.

"I go to Germany several times a year to bring back a line that applies to the Canadian market. I go with a knowledge of our market and apply this information to Olsen's line, in order to come up with about 250 samples each season."

Though Olsen offers a full line of womenswear including pants, dresses, and skirts, it is particularly strong in pure cotton sweatshirts and T-shirts.

"The strength of this spring's line lies in earth tones — sand, rust or off-white tops accented with red, black and other such vibrant colors."

Also important are garments trimmed in gold or silver lurex, and quite popular is the white-and-navy nautical sweater trimmed in the gold lurex. The ocean theme is strong with designs of fish and coral reef trimmed with gold lurex.

"There is also a lot of interest in stones, and we have embroidered sweaters dotted with diamond or pearl-like stones."

He says the washable silk line available at different price levels is "volume priced and affordable. The taffeta silk top comes in at about $60 retail and even the habitai silk tops, pants and skirts are reasonably priced. These silk outfits can be dressed up or down for daytime or evening wear."

Cotton says that in order for a consumer to get the most wear out of her outfits, she must be able to mix and match several pieces.

"We have a whole program of wovens, such as linen, linen and cotton blend or cotton viscose blends that can all be mixed and matched. A woman can buy a linen blazer with pants, skirt, blouse and T-shirt that all blend.

"Four or five pieces can convert to many different outfits. The beauty of this line is that it is all story-related."

Olsen European Fashions are available in major department stores and small boutiques across the country.

Designer styles chic garments

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Enrique Martinez is a Mexican designer who creates clothing for women who must be well-dressed.

Proper etiquette within these circles requires garments to be simple yet elegant. Martinez's white couture collection fits the bill.

The tailored two-piece outfits and dresses are suitable for luncheons and the cocktail hour.

Martinez calls one of his creations "a simple little dress that has something new that flatters women."

A native of Sinaloa, Mexico, Martinez was taught as a child to embroider carefully and with precision.

Whether the garments are fabricated in white, cream or ivory, the Martinez collection captures a mood and creates an atmosphere.

Martinez made his first stop in Canada last September when he showed his collection at the International Womenswear Show in Montreal. The reaction to the line was more than favorable.

This 39-year-old designer began his career in 1971 as an assistant to another designer, Manuel Mendez, with whom he worked for six years. In 1977, he travelled to Paris to study art and design. There, he was hired to work for the firm of Hubert de Givenchy.

When he arrived back in Mexico in 1982, he collaborated as an artistic director for Marsel, a prestigious label in the Mexican fashion industry.

The styles of Mexico's Enrique Martinez lead one to shout, "Olé."

Advises Americans

It was not until 1983 that he presented his first collection in Mexico, at which he was awarded a medal for the best designer of the year. He received two more awards a year later for the best haute couture designer and the best ready-to-wear designer.

In 1985 and 1986, Martinez was invited by the Association of Hispanic Designers, which has its headquarters in Washington, to take part in a fashion show featuring the styles of such designers as Oscar de la Renta, Paloma Picasso, Adolfo and Elena Benaroch.

Martinez is an active member of the Mexican Fashion Patronage and the president of the Mexican Council for Fashion Designers.

He presents two collections a year and works as an adviser to the American apparel industry. Martinez says he does not believe that being a Mexican designer has impeded his growth within the industry.

"There are many new designers in Mexico and they are all looking for a place in the international markets. If places like Italy and Japan can do it, so can we.

"Today, people talk about fashion all around the world. I, myself, am excited to be promoting Mexican fashions."

He added that while he has done several shows in the United States, he has yet to begin selling his line north of the border.

His future plans include finding sales representatives in the U.S., and he asked, once this is done, what is to stop him from entering the European and Japanese markets?

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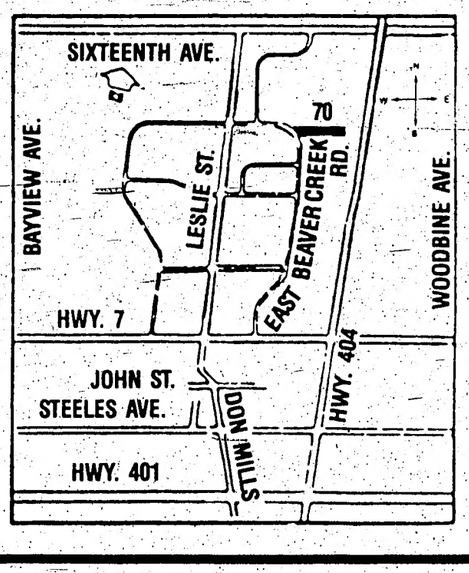

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Showbiz Mishmash

It wasn't all champagne for songsmiths Lerner, Loewe

By
FRANK RASKY

Alan Jay Lerner

Gloria Valentine

Frederick Loewe

Lori Alter

David Cassel

Bubbie Schwarz

Alan Jay Lerner, the Jewish lyricist of Broadway musicals the likes of *My Fair Lady*, *Camelot* and *Brigadoon*, was a romancer and a romantic of immense charm.

He once dreamed that one of his eight wives knocked on the door of the hotel suite where he had locked himself in for three days working on a song.

She asks: "What have you written over the past three days?"

He replies: "I could have danced all night. I could have danced all night. And still have begged for more."

The dream ends with her looking at him hopelessly and summoning the appropriate medical authorities. And Lerner is put away in the loony bin, as he jocularly phrased it, "for the rest of my natural life."

Equally an eccentric and a perfectionist was his collaborator, the Jewish composer **Frederick (Fritz) Loewe.**

How the pair managed to get along together for 18 years — and earn more than $30 million by creating such imperishable songs as *I've Grown Accustomed To Her Face*, *If Ever I Would Leave You*, *Almost Like Being In Love* and *The Night They Invented Champagne* — has been revealed in an entertaining new biography.

It's entitled *Inventing Champagne: The Worlds of Lerner and Loewe* (McClelland & Stewart; 350 pages; $29.95). And the biographer, **Gene Lees**, writes with authority, being a song writer himself and the author of *Oscar Peterson*.

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It was quite a feat, untangling fact from fiction. For the Berlin-born Loewe (1901-1988, son of a famous Viennese operetta star) and the New York-born Lerner (1918-1986, son of the wealthy owner of the Lerner chain of women's wear stores) were notorious tellers of tall tales. They couldn't resist embellishing the truth.

Loewe claimed he was a boxer as a youth (highly dubious for a self-proclaimed piano prodigy). Loewe further contended he used to be a cowboy delivering the mail to a gold mine 11,700 feet high in the mountains of Montana (also doubtful for a professional pianist who had to nurse his hands carefully and hated to exercise).

Lerner, a more inventive spinner of whoppers, claimed that he, too, used to be a boxer, and while on the Harvard University boxing team developed into a pugilist of championship calibre. (This was likewise an exaggeration. Lees' research uncovered the fact that his university opponent delivered a punch that permanently blinded Lerner in his left eye.)

The partners had other things in common. Both were small men ashamed of being so short. Lerner lied that he was five-foot-six and a half; actually, he was no more than five-foot-five. And he jested that his shrimpy partner wore lifts in his shoes "so high that Fritz's ears popped when he took them off at night."

Both were skirt-chasing Don Juans, though different in style. Loewe, more laid back and practical-minded than his partner, was married just once; thereafter, by flaunting his wealth, he lured a variety of young, impressionable sex mates to his yacht and chateaux.

Lerner, a hyper extremist in all things, was a metaphine drug addict and similarly an inveterate romantic addicted to marrying every woman he fell in love with. His marital addiction left the multi-millionaire virtually broke after paying alimony to his harem of ex-wives. It also inspired one of his wittiest songs in *My Fair Lady*.

Strolling down Fifth Avenue in Manhattan with the six-times married **Rex Harrison,** who was scheduled to play Henry Higgins in the musical, Lerner reflected, "It's a melancholy fact that, between us, we have supported more women than Playtex."

Harrison burst out laughing. "Alan!" he said. "Wouldn't it be marvellous if we were homosexuals?"

It led to Lerner writing *Why Can't A Woman Be More Like A Man?*

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The stories I found most amusing dealt with the world premiere of *Camelot* in Toronto to inaugurate the new O'Keefe Centre in 1960. In exchange for the international ballyhoo, **Hugh Walker,** manager of the 3,200-seat, $12 million theatre, offered Lerner and Loewe a deal unique in the annals of the stage, one that has never been duplicated. The Front Street theatre was rent-free, meaning that the partners would receive 100 per cent of the box office gross.

Alas, just about everything went wrong with the jinxed musical, starring **Richard Burton** as King Arthur and **Julie Andrews** as Queen Guinevere, with the seasoned playwright **Moss Hart** serving as director.

The verbose, humorless show ran four and a half hours, instead of the normal two and a half hours, with the curtain coming down at 12:40 a.m. I'll never forget how Moss Hart came onstage to plead with the critics, borrowing the phrase from the **Tennessee Williams** play, *A Streetcar Named Desire*: "We believe in relying on the kindness of strangers."

A Toronto music critic, who was a Wagnerian fan, knocked it as "*Gotterdammerung* without laughs." Even Lerner managed to ease his heartburn by wisecracking, "Only *Tristan and Isolde* equaled it as a bladder contest."

Unfortunately, after the next day's performance, Lerner was rushed to Wellesley Hospital suffering from a bleeding ulcer. When he recovered a week later, the nurse wheeled into the room he had just vacated a new patient, Moss Hart, suffering from a second coronary thrombosis. And five weeks later, *Camelot* ran up yet another casualty: Hugh Walker, who was carted off to the hospital for surgery on *his* ulcer.

Handsome weekly gross

Yet, despite being so beleaguered, when the show ultimately closed at the O'Keefe, it brought in what was then considered a handsome weekly gross of $110,000.

Years later, when Lerner was on his death bed, gaunt and skeletal at 67 but still a charmer, a nurse was overheard saying at the hospital, "You know, that crazy old fart thinks he wrote *My Fair Lady*." By then, Lees writes gracefully, "Alan and Fritz had passed beyond celebrity. They had become legend."

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My tip of the hat goes to the following Jewish creators in the arts.

I predict a long life to a brand new, *haymishe* TV series called *The Bubbie Break*, running on Channel 12 each Sunday from 3:30 to 4 p.m. via CHEX-TV, Peterborough, Ont. The hostess and executive producer is 65-year-old **Marion Schwarz,** a perky, bright-eyed grandmother from Oshawa, who used to write a popular column bearing the same title for TV Facts magazine.

Among other things, she discusses parenting and grandparenting, and her guests range from social worker **Linda Goldberger** talking about grandparents with Alzheimer's disease to actress **Kyra Levy** from *Degrassi High* talking about her relationship with her grandparents. If you want to appear on the show, phone The Bubbie at her Toronto JAMS Production Co. (467-9444).

Gloria Valentine, leader of The Yiddish Players Trio, **Allen Farkas** and **Michael Lebovic,** will be singing Yiddish favorites including *Moishele* and *I'm Sam, The Man Who Made The Pants Too Long*, at an old fashioned Jewish nostalgia concert, March 24 at Free Times Cafe, 320 College St. (967-1078).

After the recent 40th Anniversary Gala staged by the National Ballet of Canada, I had a wonderful time dancing cheek-to-cheek with the ballerinas to the swing music of **Murray Alter's Band** at the King Edward Hotel's Vanity Fair Room. I was especially impressed by the singing of Alter's 21-year-old daughter, **Lori Alter,** a mezzo soprano with big brown eyes who has also performed in musicals at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

You can catch the father-and-daughter team in action on April 17 at the fund-raising Soldiers Of Israel Ball at the Constellation Hotel (782-3931).

David Cassel plays a cockney dock worker and **Mark Davidson** a ruthless yuppie in **Johnathon Moore's** provocative British play, *Regeneration*, running from March 20 to 30, at the Equity Showcase Studio Theatre, at Harbourfront (533-2449).

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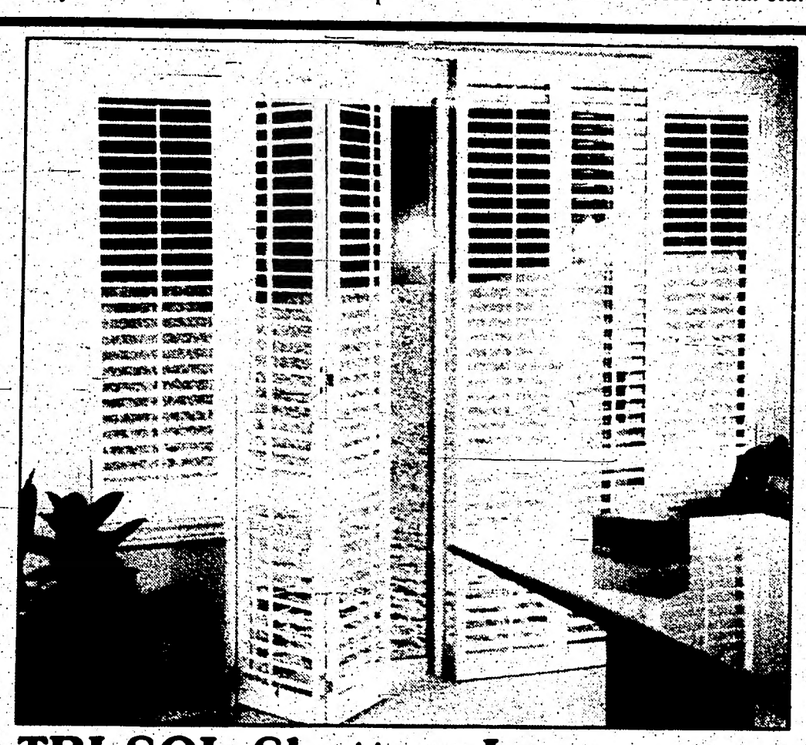
I bow out with this exit line made by comedian **Jack Benny** when accepting an award:

"I don't deserve this . . . but I have arthritis, and I don't deserve *that* either."



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Deals with rootless Newfoundland family

Canadian classic drama has strong Jewish flavor

The Lively ARTS

By
FRANK RASKY

Consider the Jewish flavor of the plot:

An exiled family pulls up its roots in the 1940s and settles in an immigrant area of Toronto. The rebellious son Ben, ashamed of the accent and alien appearance of his father Jacob, returns home purportedly to attend his aunt's funeral.

Actually, he's trying to come to terms with the stubborn, laconic patriarch, who has lost his strength, is losing his job and is dying.

Meanwhile, his mother, the family's strong peacemaker, who is as basic as black bread, struggles valiantly to resolve the generational conflict between the two overly arrogant males.

Though the play's storyline may sound Jewish, it isn't.

David French's autobiographical, prize-winning drama, *Of The Fields, Lately* (running until March 30 at the St. Lawrence Centre, 366-7723) deals with a rootless Newfoundland family called the Mercers.

It's a Canadian classic of what used to be called the kitchen-sink genre of drama. The universality of its working-class theme suggests to me a blend of two other masterworks, **Arthur Miller's** *Death Of A Salesman* and **Sean O'Casey's** *Juno And The Paycock.*

A measure of its greatness is that its humor and tragedy hold up as powerfully as when it was originally staged nearly 20 years ago by Bill Glassco at the Tarragon Theatre.

Glassco has directed the revival using a first-class cast. Michael Hogan plays Jacob Mercer, the dying factory carpenter, wearing suspenders, longjohns showing beneath his checked shirt, and capturing the Irish-Newfy dialect with musical fidelity when he bellows: "You're screamin' like a tea kettle."

Lally Cadeau, best known as Aunt Janet on *The Road To Avonlea* TV series, is a convincing mother, wearing a flowered apron and mixing patience and shrewdness to hold her family together.

Tom Wood, who wrote and starred in what I consider Canada's best stage comedy, *B. Movie: The Play*, almost steals the show in the minor role of the boozy, Irish-bardlike Uncle Wiff.

And Randy Hughson, recently seen in the Tarragon production of *The Crackwalker*, displays considerable promise as the table-pounding but sensitive son, Ben.

Also deserving praise are jazz pianist Bernie Senensky and flute player Moe Koffman, whose music poetically evokes the changing moods between scenes.

I wrote in this space two years ago that French's complete Mercer family plays — including *Leaving Home, Salt-Water Moon*, and *1949* — ought to be revived on stage and transformed into a TV series. I still feel that way after seeing this moving, beautifully staged revival.

Michael Hogan (top) and Randy Hughson co star in the powerful generational conflict drama Of The Fields, Lately, at the St. Lawrence Centre.

Wildlife is just too much

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

O for a magic wand to transform *Wildlife* from its two-hour length to 30 minutes of inspired buffoonery by its two principals, Diego Matamoros and Tracy Wright.

When Elaine, a young Harlequin reader, played by Wright, attempts to take a thorn out of the foot of Spanish lounge singer Auguste Malazer, played by Matamoros, the viewer collapses in laughter. Their teamwork is absolutely exquisite, split-second perfect. Where did Matamoros ever learn to twitch his body like that and where did Wright learn to be on both sides of the same leg at one time?

If there was a Theatre Hall of Fame in Canada this scene would be in it.

Alas, this and two or three other short scenes, are not enough to make *Wildlife* a success. It is infested with too many comings and goings, too many artifices to bring in Theatre Columbus regulars Martha Ross, Leah Cherniak and Michael Simpson.

Wildlife was written by Matamoros, a first-time effort, and concerns a fading Spanish singer who finds himself at a wilderness resort with, among others, Elaine and her two aunts, one, (Ross) an anthropologist just returned from New Guinea, and the other, an off-the-wall mystic (Cherniak.) It is directed by David McIlwraith and runs at the Poor Alex until March 31.

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Jews viewed as easy scapegoats down through ages

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

What Did They Think of the Jews? Collected & Edited by Allan Gould (Aaronson, $50).

What people has been reviled or persecuted so persistently through the ages as Jews? Pagan Rome despised Jews because of their stubborn insistence on religious and political freedom. Christian Rome was infuriated because Jews refused to accept the predominant or "true" faith.

On their way to wrest the Holy Land from the infidel Muslim, the Crusaders wreaked havoc and vengeance on the Jewish communities they encountered en route.

Jews, an easy scapegoat, were massacred without mercy when epidemic and plague decimated much of medieval Europe. In modern times, Russian Czars and German Nazis found the Jew a symbol that could be manipulated in their quest for power and domination.

Through the long centuries, many otherwise sane, creative and intelligent men and women — writers, poets, historians, religionists, philosophers — have reacted to Jews and Judaism with anxiety, fear, disquietude and antagonism.

Doctor Theodore Isaac Rubin, an eminent psychiatrist, is convinced that anti-Semitism, as old as Western civilization itself, is an incredibly destructive chronic illness that infects even relatively tolerant and normal individuals.

He is sure that the organically sound mind is capable of producing behavior infinitely more bizarre and destructive than the organically brain damaged mind.

What Did They Think of the Jews is an astonishing anthology that brings excerpts from 200 varied documents — letters, articles, essays, biographies, autobiographies, anecdotes, etc. — that express views and attitudes towards Jews. Written by well known men and women, they range from ancient times through today.

Most of the material is derogatory or negative in nature, but there are also philosemitic statements by such personalities as George Eliot, Mark Twain, Robert Graves, C. P. Snow, Winston Churchill, Leo Tolstoy, James Joyce and Harry Truman.

The author points out that many anti-Semites are victims of an unhappy ambivalence. H. L. Mencken, for example, could cast slurs on Jews in his writings, at the same time that he numbered many of them among his friends.

John Buchan, who served as Governor General of Canada, was an anti-Semite and also a Zionist. T. S. Eliot, who mocked Jews in some of his poems, excoriated the Nazis for their brutal behavior.

Havelock Ellis, British scientist and social reformer, suggested, "it is easy to account for anti-Semitism. The four thinkers to whom, above all others, we owe the development of human spirit have been Jews: Marx, Bergson, Freud and Einstein."

Marshall McLuhan in 1944 complained about the lack of forthrightness and social courage in Canada. He concluded that what the country "needs is about two million Jews to bring life to it."

When, in 1967, war between Egypt and Israel seemed inevitable, Robert Graves reassured a worried Jewish friend, "Do you realize that the Egyptian army had its last military success at Kadesh against the Hittites in 1299 BC?"

Allan Gould of Toronto, the author of 16 books, has done a prodigious amount of research in fashioning this giant, well-organized and unique miscellany. It is ideal for reference and browsing and contains a surprising amount of material that is inspirational — and even entertaining.

The Life of Emile Zola is dated but is an exemplar film biography

Film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Hollywood had a good year in 1937, with such films as *Camille*, *Stage Door*, *A Star is Born* and *Lost Horizon*. But one film stood head and shoulders above the rest — *The Life of Emile Zola*, which won the Academy Award for best picture, and was recently screened at the Toronto Jewish Film Society.

The New York Times' critic, Frank Nugent, used such adjectives as dignified, honest and strong to praise this Warner Brothers product. And reviewer John Grierson described *The Life of Emile Zola* as "one of the fine ones which begin as a film and end as an experience."

Although I don't think it's "an experience," I do agree that *The Life of Emile Zola* — which turns on the notorious Alfred Dreyfus affair — is an exemplar of film biography.

Starring two of the brightest Jewish actors of the day, Paul Muni (Muni Weisenfreund) and Joseph Schildkraut, *The Life of Emile Zola* throbs with sound and fury, signifying a terrible miscarriage of justice.

Alfred Dreyfus, an assimilated Alsatian Jew, was an artillery captain, one of the very few Jews on the French general staff. In 1894, he was convicted of treason, and exiled for life to Devil's Island. Dreyfus had been accused of being a German spy, but all his protestations of innocence fell on deaf ears. The French army was permeated with anti-Semitism, and Dreyfus was a convenient scapegoat.

The case was reopened in 1896, when Col. Georges Picquart, the chief of army intelligence, discovered that the real culprit was Major Ferdinand Walsin Esterhazy. He was tried but acquitted — prompting Emile Zola, a noted novelist cum-journalist and leading Dreyfus supporter, to publish his famous J'accuse letter in which he cast aspersions on the judges in the Esterhazy acquittal. Zola, convicted of libel, fled to Britain.

By now, the Dreyfus affair had become a major national issue, a cause celebre pitting royalists, clericalists and conservatives against socialists, liberals and anti-clericalists.

The long and short of it is that the case dragged on, finally ending with the suicide of an intelligence officer who had forged the document that had incriminated Dreyfus and with Dreyfus' exoneration and reinstatement. A shy retiring figure who hated the limelight, Dreyfus died in 1935.

The Life of Emile Zola, ably directed by William Dieterie, stars Paul Muni as the tempestuous Zola and Schildkraut as the wounded Dreyfus. Zola is portrayed as a gadfly for whom justice takes precedence over everything else. Dreyfus, in terms of character development, is almost like a cipher. He is there, a brooding presence, but he is really somewhere else, far away in his own little universe.

Interestingly enough, Dreyfus' Jewishness is given short shrift, as if it were an exceedingly minor matter. It is alluded to only in an early scene, when a jaundiced officer, noticing the buzz-word "Jew" next to Dreyfus' name on a list of staff officers, singles him out for condemnation. I suppose this extremely fleeting reference to Dreyfus' religion, which most viewers might easily miss, was motivated by commercial reasons. Hollywood, until quite recently, was hesitant about exploring Jewish or quasi-Jewish subjects in any meaningful depth.

Although *The Life of Emile Zola* is sporadically theatrical, which is a symptom of the times, I guess, it is not lacking in genuine drama. The scene in which Dreyfus is unceremoniously stripped of his rank is simply terrific, as is a public book burning scene, which smacks of something that might have happened in Nazi Germany. It should be borne in mind that the film was released four years after Hitler's accession to power and one year before Kristallnacht. Anatole France's oration at Zola's funeral, in which he decries intolerance and injustice, is also effective.

Despite its flair for theatrics, *The Life of Emile Zola* seems historically accurate. This is surprising, given Warner Brothers' record of fantastic flights of fancy. As The New York Times critic wrote: "The Warners, who have achieved the reputation of being Hollywood's foremost triflers with history, paid their debt to truth with the presentation of *The Life of Emile Zola*."

FILM FAVORITES

The Jewish Video Library in Highland Park, New Jersey recently released a list of the most popular titles in 1990. They include:

House on Garibaldi Street (a dramatization of Adolf Eichmann's capture), *The Inheritors* (about an Austrian teenage boy who joins a neo-Nazi party), *Hanna's War* (the story of Hanna Senesh, the Hungarian Jewish woman who died behind Nazi lines), *Goodbye, New York* (an Israeli comedy), *Rise and Fall of the Borscht Belt* (entertainers who made the Catskills resorts famous), *The Golem* (the celebrated silent movie), *Sallah Shabtai* (the Israeli classic), and *The Dybbuk* (the Yiddish classic about love and exorcism).

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Richard Dreyfuss

SNIPPET...

Richard Dreyfuss as a Lithuanian? It boggles the imagination, since Dreyfuss is such a quintessential New York Jewish type. But funnily enough, that's exactly the role he plays in *Once Around*, Lasse Hallstrom's first American film. Dreyfuss is Sam Sharp, a wise-cracking, pushy, prosperous, slightly obnoxious New York real estate agent who falls in love — and marries — a demure Italian girl (Holly Hunter). Dreyfuss is a whirlwind of energy in what is generally a charming film replete with mood swings. It's at Cineplex Odeon theatres.

McNeill named ROM director

TORONTO —

Dr. John McNeill has been appointed the Royal Ontario Museum's seventh director after a comprehensive six-month international search.

McNeill, 57, a distinguished botanist and skilled administrator, joined the ROM as associate director, curatorial in November, 1989.

He most recently served as the ROM's acting director, a board appointment made last September, 1990 when Dr. T. Cuyler Young, Jr. completed his term as director. ROM directorships are for five years and McNeill's term begins immediately.

Thomas E. Kierans, chairman of the ROM's board of trustees made the announcement after it was unanimously approved by the board upon the recommendation of a 12-member search committee.

Kierans said that the committee interviewed numerous outstanding applicants from Canada and abroad. The calibre and reach of candidates, he said, "paid tribute to the ROM's prestigious international reputation."

Commenting on the ROM's new director Kierans said, "John McNeill is a distinguished scholar with international standing and a superb administrator. That winning combination will guarantee the future of scholarship, research, and astute management for this museum during the 1990s."

Kierans emphasized McNeill's proven dedication to the institution, and his demonstrated track record as a results-oriented leader in executive posts ranging from the University of Ottawa to the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh.

He said that McNeill's management style will ensure "skilful navigation" through the exciting challenges ahead and added that the board, "looks forward to working with him in the coming years."

On assuming the directorship, McNeill said, "The ROM is a great museum with a fantastic future. It holds outstanding collections, and exceptional people who curate them and who bring them to the public."

New iniatives

In only six short months as acting director, McNeill's administration has charted many new initiatives for the museum, including a revitalized marketing plan soon to step out with a lively advertising campaign to promote renewed awareness of the ROM, a joint staff-trustee committee on community relationships, and a reorganization of the ROM's Gallery Development Program.

"My first priority is to see the completion of the Gallery Development Program, thereby returning these galleries to the people of Ontario," said McNeill. "Within the next few months we will outline the priorities for the remaining galleries and set realistic, but firm timelines for their completion."

Using a new project management system, McNeill said he plans to "deliver the product on time and on budget. After all," he added with typical humor, "I suppose as a botanist I have to get to the root of thngs."

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Floral tiles will always be in style, but the most interesting new designs are soft instead of hard-edged, with broad flowing patterns instead of crisply-drawn blossoms. The most popular non-floral patterns will resemble natural textures. There will be many three-dimensional surfaces; many will contrast shiny and matte finishes. There is also a wider selection of larger tiles. Thanks to modern technology, these tiles are precisely edge-cut and easy to install properly prepared surface.

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Arts

Composer Dmitri Shostakovich (left) in a 1974 photo with editor Solomon Volkov.

Music program explores relationship between Shostakovich, Jewish people

By
GIL KEZWER

TORONTO — With freedom of religious expression long since stubbed out, Jews in the Soviet Union have substituted high culture and secular learning as an expression of their identity.

A window on that intellectual hot house was provided earlier this month by a Jewish Music Society of Toronto (JMST) two-part program devoted to the Soviet composer Dmitri Shostakovich (1906-1975) and his profound relationship with the Jewish people.

The mini-series began with a lecture at the Lipa Green building by Solomon Volkov, co-author of *Testimony: The Memoirs of Dmitri Shoshtakovich*.

The controversial best-seller was translated into 15 languages and became the basis of a feature movie of the same name starring Ben Kingsley as Shostakovich.

Volkov, formerly the senior editor of Sovetskaya Muzyka — the journal of the U.S.S.R. Ministry of Culture and Union of Composers — edited the book from his personal conversations with Shostakovich in Leningrad and Moscow, and then smuggled the manuscript out of the country. He lives today in New York.

When first published in 1979, four years after the composer's death, cries of fraud went up on both sides of the Iron Curtain, Volkov told a rapt audience of about 100, many of them evidently new Canadians hailing from the Soviet Union.

Both Volkov and Harper & Row, the publisher of the autobiography, were accused of perpetrating a hoax, he recounted.

Outraged critics in the West refused to accept the portrayal of Shostakovich as anything but a lapdog of Josef Stalin and subsequent Kremlin czars, while in his native land the book was branded anti-Soviet.

Volkov documented Shostakovich's courageous protest against systematic human rights abuses in general, and against the Holocaust and anti-Semitism in particular.

It was a heroic if oblique protest expressed between the lines of music rather than in words, Volkov said, that opened Shostakovich to accusations of being a Zionist sympathizer.

"In the 1930s terror you couldn't open your mouth. To do so was a death sentence. The only medium in which you could express yourself was music."

Shostakovich wrote his four-movement Piano Trio No. 2 in E minor Op. 67 in 1944 to express his anguish following initial reports of Nazi genocide revealed by the Red Army's liberation of Belzec and other death camps in eastern Poland that summer.

Incorporating Jewish folk music motifs, the emotional piece had its audience openly weeping at its premiere in Moscow. Then Stalin banned it.

Performed at the Royal Conservatory of Music last week by the Ekho Trio — pianist Andrew Burashko, celloist Orly Bitov, and violinist Hibiki Kobayashi — there was a lesser emotional reaction.

Though the performance by the youthful musicians was polished, the cultural distance from Canada's freedom to Stalin's gulag seemed hard to bridge.

In introducing the trio, Prof. Tim Jackson of the JMST noted other works by Shostakovich containing overt references to Jewish music and to the fate of the Jews including his First Violin Concerto, the Fourth and Eighth String Quartets, and the Thirteenth "Babi Yar" Symphony.

Rosen promotes the Group of Seven

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO — At 77, Moe Rosen, an avid art collector himself, has an unusual ambition.

He wants the work of the son of a Group of Seven member given the place it deserves in Canadian history.

Rosen became a friend of Thoreau MacDonald who lived in the shadow of his famous father, J. E. H. MacDonald. Thoreau died a few years ago in a Bathurst Street nursing home at the age of 88. Rosen was with him the day before he died.

Thoreau, named after American transcendentalist writer Henry Thoreau, illustrated 120 books, and his own pen and ink and pencil paintings are in several museums. Rosen has a significant collection of his work.

Specifically, Rosen would like to see Thoreau's name added to a plaque at the front of MacDonald House, a lovely oasis of four wooded acres on Centre Avenue in Thornhill just west of Yonge Street. The park surrounding the clapboard house, which cannot be seen from the street, is open to the public. Just open the latch gate.

The City of Vaughan designated it as a Heritage House in 1983. It is used as an arts camp in the summer and for meetings by historical groups.

The 1½-storey house was designed and built by the Group of Seven member in 1914 when he was principal of the Ontario College of Art. It was a frequent gathering place for Lawren Hatris, A. J. Casson, Fred Varley, A. Y. Jackson and other members of the Group.

Just a little way down the street is a beautiful pond and park with a plaque honoring J. E. H. MacDonald. As a boy, Thoreau recovered a rusty musket from this pond that was used in the rebellion of 1837.

"Thoreau was a man of nature," Rosen said. "He was real. He loved the woods around the house and kept it as a sanctuary. He would trap racoons and then walk all the way over to Bathurst Street to release them in what was then open country. I walked with him on one of those trips."

Although Rosen described Thoreau as a taciturn man who rarely initiated conversations, the artist revealed an acute knowledge of human nature and the human conditions in an article he contributed to a book on Thornhill by Doris Fitzgerald published in 1963.

One of the stories he tells is of a recluse who had a pack of howling dogs and was reputed to bury his money all around his farm. The recluse died one day between the barn and the house and the dogs would let no one near. Later, neighbors who dug up all around the place found nothing.

MacDonald House has a wooden sun dial made by Thoreau and bearing his initials and also pencil scribblings by him on a wooden post in the vestibule of an addition referring to work done on the property and remarks about the weather.

One of Rosen's prized possessions is a fence post with handmade nails given to him by Thoreau.

"His work is of such a calibre that he should be considered a member of the Group of Seven," said Rosen.

Thoreau and his famous father worked together on some projects. For example, their joint drawings and design can be seen in a building now known as Bradgate Arms at Avenue Road and St. Clair Avenue.

Thoreau MacDonald with Adam Jay Rosen, grandson of Moe Rosen, of Toronto, who wants Thoreau's work recognized.

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El Al hiked prices when foreign carriers left

Sky-high airfares continue to hamper Israeli tourism

By GIL KEZWER

TORONTO — If concerns over Iraqi Scud barrages are no longer a reason to avoid traveling to Israel, high airfares may remain an impediment to mass tourism, says Shalom Even, head of Shalom-K Tours in Willowdale, one of Canada's leading travel agencies specializing in the Jewish state.

As recently as January, desperate hoteliers were offering bargain packages like airfare on El Al Israel Airlines and three nights at Jerusalem's luxurious King David Hotel for CDN $999 plus $55 in airport taxes.

But soaring liability insurance premiums triggered by the United Nations' Jan. 15 deadline for Iraq to pull out of Kuwait made landings in Tel Aviv prohibitively expensive for the 15 European and American carriers that regularly fly there.

For nearly two months, El Al remained the country's sole air link to the outside world. Without competition, the government-owned corporation hiked prices accordingly.

Today a low season El Al coach-class ticket costs CDN $1,375 including GST. From April 1 to June 21, the fare increases to $1,575, jumping in the high-season (June 22-Aug. 20) to $1,733.

Oil prices are tumbling now that the Gulf War is over, and all foreign airlines have resumed scheduled flights to Israel.

Even is hopeful that in the absence of a fuel surcharge, ticket prices will be slashed.

"If there's going to be competition, they (prices) have to go down. I believe they will go down, hopefully soon," he told The CJN.

In any case, tourism is already picking up, he reported. During most of January and February, El Al juggled its fleet of 18-passenger planes to route 225-seat Boeing 767s on its twice-weekly flights to Mirabel and Pearson International airports. As of March 4, the airline has returned to 440-seat Boeing 747s.

For the summer peak season, beginning June 30, a third flight on Sundays will be added from Toronto to Tel Aviv with a stopover in New York. A fourth weekly flight on Thursdays will connect Montreal directly with Ben Gurion airport.

It would be ironic, reflected Yehuda Shen, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office here, if Saddam Hussein's missiles — having shattered lives and property — also contributed to the shattering of tourism records.

"The Israeli population really behaved magnificently and deserve a visit. This is again the time to remind Canadian Jews not to open their wallets and then turn their backs," he said.

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Business Outlook

Dare to be different than others, consultants tell fashion retailers

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

TORONTO —

Successful fashion retailing can be a reality, two industry consultants say.

Shirley Dawe, president of SDA (a retail marketing and consulting firm), and Christine Lloyd, president of Marketscope, told the audience at the McGill Club how this was an achieveable goal.

Dawe said that in the short term consumers are faced with a recession, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and international problems. All these factors add up to a dampening in the demand for fashion apparel.

After discussing consumer buying trends during the 1981-82 recession and examining the current marketplace, Dawe was able to cite several ideas not only for retailer survival but also for growth.

She said that first and foremost any retailer who hopes to be successful must be clearly focused. The product sold must be differentiated in some way from its neighbor.

"If you're going to survive, you're going to have to run like hell, learn and take some risks ... dare to be different. You're going to have to study the competition as if you were the consumer. Take off those blinkers, deflate that ego and do an objective comparative to see how you rate," Dawe said.

"Last but not least, you're going to have to learn how to say no to initiatives that divert your strengths, attention and resources from your chosen market niche."

Dawe discussed the five components that will give retailers a unique competitive advantage (UCA).

Customer tops

"The first one is the customer," she said, adding that the second and third are also the customer. "The fourth is a focus on the right product and the fifth is a focus on the right technology."

Dawe said that there was a lot of talk about service during the 1980s, and indeed, enhanced customer service is a key priority. However, she added that for far too long retailers have talked about the customer as a queen but treated her like a commoner.

Calling it customer care, Dawe said it requires the same management attention as a retailer's inventory, real estate and financial matters. As well, she suggested a change in retailers' attitudes as many are guilty of viewing the customer as a nuisance.

Dawe said that customer care is cost effective in the long run because it is easier to build on a current customer base to generate a sale than it is to secure a new customer. She observed that manufacturers-turned-retailers are often more successful because they don't tend to take the customer for granted.

"Rather, they use the consumer information as part of their research for product development and through a more knowlegable sales staff, are often able to generate a much higher sale-through rate at regular prices than most retailers. Retailers have to learn to say thank you to customers more often," she said.

In the area of product development, she said it is critical for retailers to maintain pricing integrity and quality standards, especially during difficult economic times.

Check stock

Dawe added that there is no better way for a retailer to show customer care and maintain the competitive advantage than by being properly stocked.

"That sounds pretty simple, but how many times have you been disappointed when you walk into a store to find the item you wanted out of stock?"

Dawe added that whether a retailer runs a budget shopping chain or a classic boutique, customers have high expectations. She said that the UCA factor used in conjunction with the right technology allows for the power of knowledge, which is beneficial to three areas.

First, it aids in inventory management. She said that rapidly-changing consumer preferences demand a well-balanced inventory.

"Second, vendor partnerships. Information provided by the right technology is improving the buyer/retailer relationship. This is a subject that not many people talk about but it is a critical one. For too long, these advarsarial relationships have fragmented the industry."

With the information collected by using the right technology, retailers are able to deal with consumer buying trends and turn this information over to the buyers.

Finally, Dawe urged retailers to establish a strong customer link. She said a customer data base that documents any garments bought in the store will be appreciated by the consumer who is trying to build a wardrobe.

Lloyd urged the audience to expect sudden and unexpected changes. She agreed that there are going to be changes in the future, but she urged the audience to be ready for sudden and unexpected changes.

"It is dangerous, very dangerous, to look at the future in terms of demographics alone. We can't, as we have seen done in the past, market to 25 to 45 year demographic segment as if it were a homogeneous group. Today, you must appeal to an attitude and provide the right shopping solution for the segment that has that attitude."

Lloyd said that the prudent retailer will take notice of groups such as the 50 to 55 age market for example. The retailer who establishes himself within a certain market niche will have a better chance of winning in the '90s.

Going hand-in-hand with a target group is the establishment of what Lloyd called destination stores — ones that are worth the journey.

"One of the great benefits of running a destination store with a clear focus on a market segment is that you not only bring many people to fewer locations, but you attract people who are more likely to spend."

Conduct surveys

Lloyd said Canada is outrageously oversupplied by retail and victory will continue to go to those who really focus on their specific market segment.

After citing the problems in the retail industry, Lloyd suggested ways to assess and improve these operations.

"The more distinct your identity is, the more people will go out of their ways to reach you," Lloyd said, stressing the importance of research when a retailer is trying to establish a focus.

She said that most retailers lose the feedback from the customer. This is not an expensive way to do research, but rather research that is simply sitting there untapped.

Loyd said that no matter how much positive word-of-mouth you are able to generate, advertising is still important. She urged retailers to conduct on-the-spot surveys to gauge the effectiveness of advertising campaigns. Not only must retailers continue to capture their regular customers but they must also reach those who haven't heard of the product.

Market share analysis is also an effective tool that should be utilized. Lloyd said this type of analysis will rate a specific retailer against the system as a whole.

"I would like to point out that everything you've heard focuses squarely on the customer. In recent years, there has been a tremendous emphasis on customer service and rightly so," Lloyd said.

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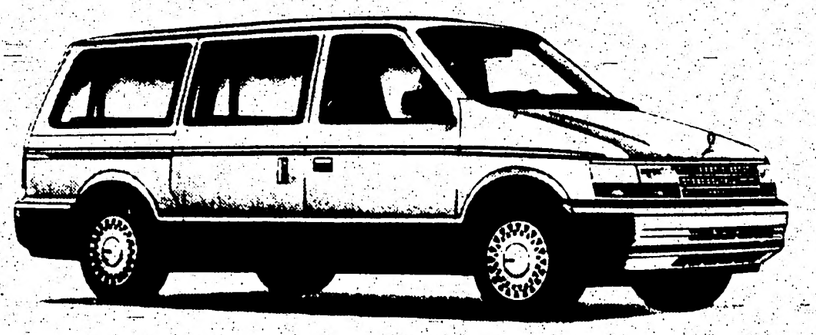
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Negativism in the media said to hamper economy

By
STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Canada has two major enemies, the president of the Canadian Council for the Americas says.

Ennio Vita-Finzi told members of the Canadian Institute of Credit and Financial Management that enemy No. 1 is "negativity".

"From the man on the street to the economists who regularly predict a global economic collapse, we're all used to seeing gloomy headlines that say all sorts of crises are going to be happening," Vita-Finzi said.

"A study of the media showed that between 1982 and 1987, as the economy progressively improved, the amount of economic coverage on network television news progressively declined and became more negative in tone.

"In fact, as the economy continued to improve, the number of negative stories outnumbered the positive by almost five to one."

Vita-Finzi stated the public enemy No. 2 is Hollywood. He explained that Hollywood has established in Canadians such stereotypes as camera-crazy Japanese, behind-pinching Italians and tea-guzzling Britons.

"While we have just begun to become involved with free trade through our agreement with the U.S., many of these other countries have already done it, thought about it, talked about it, experienced it."

GATT hailed

Vita-Finzi said that for a global economy to work — one world marketplace — complete free trade is required. He said that many people misinterpret regional agreements, such as the one that exists between New Zealand and Australia, as trends.

He went on to discuss three areas that are closely connected to the proposed trilateral free trade agreement between Canada, the U.S. and Mexico.

He said the goal of international trade negotiations is to build comprehensive agreements that will ultimately liberalize trade and services through the reduction and possible elimination of tariffs and barriers.

"So, what is the record of trade negotiations and negotiators? The General Agreement of Trade and Technology (GATT) has opened world trade and manufacturing.

"Tariffs have fallen from an average of 40 per cent in 1945 to five per cent in 1980. This has resulted in the expansion of world trade.

"On the bilateral side, as almost three-quarters of our trade is with the U.S., the federal government concluded that a special agreement was needed between Canada and the U.S."

He added that as a larger goal, it seems logical that the federal government would realize Canada's trade with Mexico on a similar base.

"Our bilateral free trade with Mexico is quite small. Mexico buys about $650 million of Canadian goods while we buy $1.6 billion of their products. One reason for this low level of trade is that for decades, the Mexican market was a closed one — Canadians had trouble selling and investing in Mexico."

Vita-Finzi said that this began to change in the mid-1980s. Mexico joined GATT in 1986, abolished official prices and removed most of the import requirements.

"As of 1989, 650 state-owned firms have been dismantled. As well, a plan is in place to privatize domestic banks and communication is being opened up through foreign participation."

Barriers exist

He said the natural question to be asked is that if Mexico has already made these kinds of changes, why are trade negotiations necessary?

"The short answer is the job is not done and many barriers still exist.

"What does a trilateral free trade agreement look like? Duty-free and quota-free traded goods are the goals of any pact, but to this one we would like to add a custom set of rules."

He said that the three countries have been officially meeting on a regular basis. Preparation for talks, including consultations with the provincial government and the private sector, now are underway, he said, adding that Mexico hopes that the talks will be wrapped up by the end of 1991 and the agreement implemented by 1993.

"Five years ago, the U.S. and Canadian business sent a message to Washington and Ottawa which stated that all arrangements for trade needed replacement with a bold, aggressive, far-reaching agreement to carry both countries into the 1990s and beyond.

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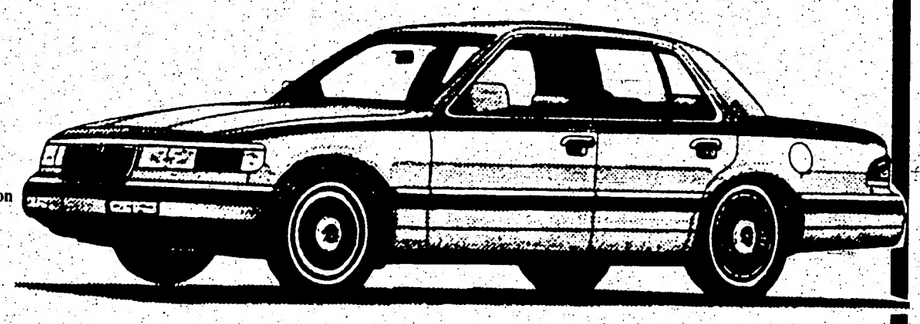

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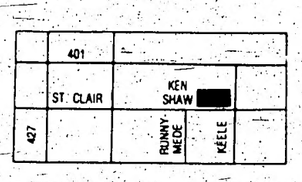

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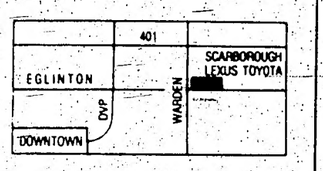

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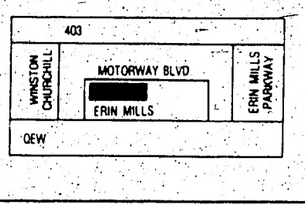

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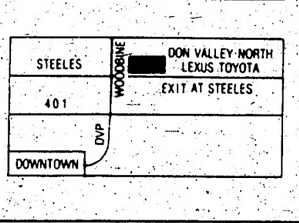

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Education program aids pre-schoolers learning ability

REHOVOT –

Significant improvements have been seen in the learning abilities of pre-schoolers who have taken part in an educational program developed by well-known Israeli artist Yaacov Agam, a study conducted by the Weizmann Institute's science teaching department has shown.

The program, which is designed to foster "visual literacy" in pre-schoolers, was found to improve not only visual skills, but also general intelligence and overall readiness for school.

Moreover, it proved equally effective with children of all socioeconomic backgrounds, and could therefore be used to help culturally disadvantaged youngsters catch up with their peers.

The scheme, created by Agam, and implemented, evaluated and refined by the Institute's science teaching department, was administered in 25 kindergartens, as well as a few first and second grade classes.

The cognitive abilities of children in those classes were measured before and after the program, and compared with those of a control group of youngsters who did not participate in the project.

As a result of the findings of the study, the Ministry of Education has recommended that the scheme be implemented in 500 kindergartens across the country.

Visual concepts

Each of the project's 36 separate units introduces children to a different visual concept, such as circles, colors or, at a later stage, symmetry and numerical intuition (i.e, how to estimate how many leaves are on a particular tree).

These units make up a "visual alphabet" that forms the basis of "visual literacy," explains program director Dr. Rina Hershkowitz of the science teaching department.

"It is based on the premises that the acquisition of visual literacy should be as important a goal in education as is the acquistion of verbal literacy," she says.

"Many teachers using the scheme found that children who are poor in verbal expression often excel in visual skills, and are in fact far more intelligent than the teachers realized," she adds.

While virtually all preschool programs teach children about colors, shapes and sizes, the AGAM curriculum has several novel aspects.

Children begin at age three, and in the course of the two- to three-year-curriculum, are introduced to highly sophisticated visual concepts which help foster an intuitive basis for studying mathematics and sciences.

"In this respect it represents the fruits of a collaboration between a visual artist and a centre devoted to science," explains Hershkowitz.

The pedagogical methods used are unconventional, relying almost exclusively on visual experiences and demonstrations, rather than verbal explanations. The science teaching department provides extensive training to all teachers administering the scheme.

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JEWISH WOMEN'S FEDERATION — TOGETHER — UJA WOMEN'S CAMPAIGN

"Land for Peace: Fantasy or Reality?"

Rabbi Irving Greenberg will be the keynote speaker at the Jewish Women's Federation Annual Meeting, Thursday, April 18, 1991

"The Challenge of Raising a Mensch"

Dr. Anne Golden and Dr. Saul Levine: keynote speakers for the Annual JWF Social and Political Action Committee Program, Wednesday, May 1, 1991

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Judy Noyek, President, Jewish Women's Federation

Jewish Women's Federation (JWF), our communal organization for 50 Jewish women's volunteer groups in Toronto, represents our Jewish mosaic. Affiliates celebrate their individuality yet, at the same time, B'Yachad, together, as 20,000 voices we strengthen the role and power of Jewish women.

Our unique and viable role as an "umbrella" serves to represent and unite diverse religious and ideological persuasions in our community. We work together in an atmosphere of mutual respect and tolerance, committed to and contributing to ensuring and perpetuating a quality Jewish life. JWF reflects the future of Jewish continuity in Toronto.

Our various activities include welcoming and reaching out to newcomers, and organizing workshops and seminars specially designed for JWF Affiliate Presidents and members to develop skills and encourage leadership.

Through the UJA Women's Campaign we respond tangibly to social, educational and cultural needs in our Toronto Jewish community, in Israel, and wherever Jews are in distress.

JWF presents educational programs for the entire community, and we particularly encourage your attendance at our **Annual Meeting, Thursday, April 18,** and at our **Social and Political Action Committee (S&P) program, Wednesday, May 1.**

Our special guest for our Annual Meeting is Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg, Founder and President of CLAL. The subject of the S&P program is "Raising your child to be a Mensch". Our keynote presentors are Dr. Anne Golden and Dr. Saul Levine. These events are detailed elsewhere in this issue.

As we approach Passover we are brought closer in touch with our past. We remember and repeat the story of our liberation. We commemorate our freedom and our genesis into peoplehood, while remembering oppression.

Memory and freedom - the messages of Passover. Throughout our history we have learned the importance of memory. Without it we lose our identity.

We remember G-d's promise to "pass over" the Jewish people so that "no plague will destroy you", not even scud missiles in 1991.

Passover, *Zman Heirutenu*, is the season of freedom, especially in 1991, when missile attacks on Israel did not intimidate Soviet Jews from coming home to freedom.

Targeted by a violent, radical evil, Israel has repeatedly endured uniquely dangerous, psychologically terrorizing situations with great courage and fortitude.

Israel remains the object of an implacable hatred by her neighbours who refuse to accept our right to live "at home" in the land to which we are indigenous. This is a denial of our freedom and historic memory.

We champion the remarkable resilience and strength Israel has demonstrated during these weeks of war. Israel has defined herself to a judging and imperfect world by choosing a moral highground.

This Passover let us make promises and plans to keep in solidarity with Israel, *L'shana hazot b'Yerushalayim*, this year in Jerusalem. May we know freedom to pursue peace, and may we continue to preserve and safeguard our historic memory.
Chag sameach.

Judy Noyek,
President, Jewish Women's Federation

EDITORIAL

Louise Cornblum, Editor, In Touch Newsletter

Once again, as war loomed in the Middle East, Toronto Jewry demonstrated the effectiveness of our cohesive and motivated community. As the long waiting period wound down to zero on January 15th, our community leaders swung into action. By the time the Gulf War began at 7 p.m. on the sixteenth, an emergency meeting of key organizational people was already in train for an hour later.

Briefings on security and methodology for community mobilization laid the groundwork for all that was to follow. Schools undertook security measures. Jewish buildings closed entrances that couldn't be monitored. A network of communications, using the fax machines of several organizations, supplemented efficient telephone chains.

On Sunday, January 20th, Toronto Jewry felt the full impact of what can be done by an organized leadership. The thousands who attended the rally for Israel that morning at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue will never forget the passionate chant of *"Am Yisroel Chai"* that brought tears to every eye.

We of the Jewish Women's Federation are proud to be part of a system that allows Toronto Jewry to connect, to gather swiftly to face any challenge. Because 50 Jewish women's organizations have a mutual leadership to represent all 20,000 members, we can react faster, do more and be more. And our entire Jewish community can reap the benefits.

Louise Cornblum,
Editor, In Touch Newsletter

CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Roz Davidson, Chairman, 1992 UJA Women's Campaign

Within a week we will gather together with our families around the seder table to once again recount the age old story of the Exodus. But the Exodus is not only in the pages of history, it is also on the pages of our daily newspapers. The miracle of the modern Exodus occurs each and every day as our brethren from eastern Europe, Ethiopia, Argentina and Iran continue to arrive in Israel.

The increasingly unstable political and economic situation in the Soviet Union has given impetus to more of its Jewish citizens to grasp the opportunity of moving to Israel.

We all saw and heard on television the shrill of sirens, people donning their gas masks -- even small children -- and watched as they entered the sealed rooms for hours at a time. We saw, too, missiles exploding in the skies over the cities of Israel; we witnessed the damage that had occurred. Yet, despite all of this, olim continue to arrive to a country that welcomes them unconditionally.

Jews do not despair.... we look to the day after the crisis.

The cost of the crisis to Israel is staggering. Estimates range as high as $5 billion; this includes costs not only due to increased security measures, but also revenues lost due to lack of tourism, as well as slowed productivity and loss of export sales.

The economic burden which Israel faces is made worse in light of the world wide recession. As concerned as we are with our own personal economic problems, we must not close our eyes to the severe burdens carried by Israel and its citizens -- for in its well-being lies our own.

I am very proud to be able to say that the United Jewish Appeal Women's Campaign Board is in place -- a group of women who understand this and have willingly taken responsibility of continuing our own communal growth and that of *Klal Yisroel.* I am pleased to introduce our Vice - Chairman, **Lorraine Sandler** and Portfolio Coordinators, **Elaine Fink, Sheila Lancit** and **Anita Shore.**

Yasher Koach to **Didi Urbach** for having led us so ably in the past year.

At this time we remember the words of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir: "In spite of some signs of dangers on the horizon, we are looking to the future with great confidence, with real optimism and with determination to fulfill our hopes and objectives."

As I write this message, I know not how or when this crisis will be resolved, nor do the many "experts". But we all know that an end must come, and along with it we hope, a lasting peace. At this time our solidarity with Israel must be expressed in concrete terms -- we must be prepared to give more financially. In these historic times we look forward to meeting THIS YEAR IN JERUSALEM.

Wishing you and your families a Happy and Kosher Passover.

Roz Davidson,
Chairman, 1992 UJA Women's Campaign

UJA OPERATION EXODUS EMERGENCY CASH CAMPAIGN

On February 14th the Officers of Toronto Jewish Congress informed all local beneficiary agencies that only 95% of their original budgets would be available this year. The agencies were also put on notice that the maximum they could expect next year is the same 95% or less.

This severe action was taken as a result of restricted cash flow and the need to send maximum dollars possible to Israel. The cost of absorbing 200,000 new immigrants in 1990 together with the tremendous strain on Israel's economy during the Gulf Crisis has left world Jewry with no other choice than to make sacrifices.

All UJA contributors are being asked to forward as much cash as possible for outstanding pledges. *Even during the Gulf Crisis, 500 visas were being issued each day to Soviet Jews who continue to come to Israel.* In addition to the need for dollars for absorption, Israel is strapped with an estimated $5 billion deficit resulting from the Gulf Crisis.

Paul Morton and **Judy Scheininger**, co-chairmen of the **1992 UJA Operation Exodus Campaign,** are currently making plans for the upcoming campaign which will be facing the tremendous pressure of local needs, the continuing flow of Soviet Jews to Israel and the financial needs resulting from the Gulf Crisis.

OUTGOING CHAIRMAN EXPRESSES THANKS

The overwhelming success of the 1991 UJA/Operation Exodus Women's Campaign was due to the combined efforts of the Campaign Cabinet, the Board, the canvassers and the generosity of thousands of contributors whose response helped rescue and resettle a community which otherwise might have been lost to Judaism forever. Thank you to all the wonderful people, both lay and professional, who were responsible for this accomplishment.

Mazel Tov to **Roz Davidson** as she assumes the chairmanship. With her gentle manner and exceptional ability she will lead UJA Women's Campaign to new heights of achievement as we face the challenges to Jewish life in the year ahead.

As I complete my tenure as chairman, I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve the Jewish community and it is a period of time I shall always remember with warmth and gratitude.

Didi Urbach,
Outgoing Chairman, 1991 UJA/Operation Exodus Women's Campaign

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MARCH

20 Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Ontario Branch, **"The Five Senses of Pesach"**, Shaareh Haim Synagogue,9711 Bayview Ave. 9:15 a.m.-3:00p.m. Terry Winston 884-6283 or Marlene White 731-2515

24 Adath Shalom Synagogue Sisterhood, **"Wife Abuse and Treatment Programs For Men"**, Speaker, Allan Sheps, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., 10:00 a.m., breakfast meeting, Viki Rumack 783-3569

24 Shaareh Haim Synagogue, joint Brotherhood/Sisterhood **"Monte Carlo"**, 9711 Bayview Ave., 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., Louis Wulf 884-9523

March 29 - April 6 Passover

APRIL

11 The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework, **"Introduction to The Baycrest Project"**, Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., 8:00 p.m., Evelyn Jacobs 731-6160

11 **YOM HASHOAH**

16 Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood, **"Mini Fashion Show"** of cotton knits and casual wear, by Bernice Fine, 470 Glencairn Ave., 12:30 p.m. luncheon, Ruth Fruitman 731-6660

16 Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation Women's Division, **"Jewish Holidays and Festivals"**, five seminars led by Selma Sage, location TBA, Tuesday's, 8:00 p.m., Judy Gordon 781-3584

17 **YOM HAZIKARON**

18 **YOM HA'ATZMAUT**

18 Jewish Women's Federation, **"Annual Meeting"**, Speaker, Rabbi Irving Greenberg, "Land for Peace", 9:30 a.m., Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., Glenda 635-2883 ext.135

18 Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary, **"Spring Sale"**, 600 University Ave., 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Irene Geras 586-8290

22 Shalom Toronto, **"Newcomers' Reception"**, 7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., Glenda 635-2883 ext. 135

25 Shaar Shalom Sisterhood, **"Human Rights"**, Speaker, Alan Shefman, formerly of B'nai Brith League for Human Rights, 2 Simonston, 8:00 p.m., Tzini Manly 881-9396

28 Adath Sholom Synagogue Sisterhood, **"Relating To The Holocaust"**, Gerda Frieberg, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., 10:00 a.m., breakfast meeting, Viki Rumack 783-3569

29 Baycrest Women's Auxiliary, Annual Awareness Presentation, **"What is Memory?"**, Dr. Fergus Craik, psychologist, Baycrest Hospital, 7:00 p.m., Rochelle Israel 789-7071 ext. 2009

MAY

1 Jewish Women's Federation, **"The Challenge of Raising a Mensch"**, Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., 7:30 p.m., Judith 635-2883 ext. 174

2 **LAG BA'OMER**

7 Beth Avraham Yosef of Toronto Synagogue, **"A Pre-Shavuos Cooking Demonstration"**, 613 Clark Ave. W., 8:00 p.m., Barb Gerskup 764-7704

8 The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework, **"Workshop for Baycrest Project"**, Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., 8:00 p.m., Evelyn Jacobs 731-6160

12 Shaareh Haim Sisterhood, **"Annual Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show"**, 9711 Bayview Ave., noon, Terry Winston 884-6283

13 14 Women's League for Conservative Judaism - Ontario Branch, 35th Anniversary **"Spring Conference"**, Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., Monday - 5:00 p.m., Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Suzanne Agasee 635-6800 or Sonia Slobodsky 226-1831

14 Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood, **"Family Law"**, Judy Holzman-Cohen, 470 Glencairn Ave., 12:30 p.m. luncheon, Ruth Fruitman 731-6660

14 Adath Sholom Synagogue Sisterhood, **Mother's Day Dinner**, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., 6:30 p.m., Viki Rumack 783-3569

15 Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation Women's Division, **"Aldo Maggiorotti"**, a movie collage showcasing Jewish film stars & musicians from 1920 onward, Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton W., 8:00 p.m., Judy Gordon 781-3584

15 Baycrest Women's Auxiliary, **Annual Spring Meeting and Installation**, 55 Ameer Ave., time TBA, Rochelle Israel 789-7071 ext. 2009

18-20 **SHAVUOT**

21 Beth Tikvah Sisterhood, **"Food, Fun and Fitness with Boutiques"**, Nutritionist Marsha Rosen from King Ranch Health Spa & Fitness Resort, 3080 Bayview Ave., 7:30 p.m., Heather 447-7184 or Karmela 770-0505

28 Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary, **"Gala"**, Sheraton Centre, 123 Queen St. W., 6:00 p.m., Irene Geras 586-8290

JUNE

2 United Jewish Appeal, **"Walk For Israel"**, Bathurst & Sheppard, Registration 7:30 a.m., Cindy 635-2883 ext. 190

5 Mount Sinai Auxiliary, **Annual Spring Meeting & Installation**, location pending, 12:00 noon, luncheon, Irene Geras 586-8290

5 Na'amat, **"Adopt-A-Child" Dinner**, honorees, Sharon, Lois and Bram, Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 6:00 p.m., Lorraine 636-5425

9 Shaar Shalom Sisterhood, **"Annual Bazaar"**, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., 2 Simonston Blvd., Tzini Manly 881-9396

12 The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework, **"Show and Share"**, work by Guild members, Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., 8:00 p.m. Evelyn Jacobs 731-6160

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PROFILE: NA'AMAT

A disadvantaged Na'amat high school student learns self-esteem through compulsory social work.

In 1925, a group of young women struggled to grow saplings on the barren hills of Jerusalem. When continuous drought made this impossible, they appealed to some women in New York, asking them to raise $500 needed for a well.

The Americans were so delighted to be able to help the Jewish pioneers in Palestine that they not only sent the money, they also asked to be allowed to continue to work as fundraising partners. Today, the result of that union, **Na'amat** is the largest women's organization in the world, with over 850,000 members in 14 countries, including 750,000 in Israel.

Over 60% of Israel's child care aid is provided by Na'amat. More than 25,000 children, aged six months to four years, are cared for in Na'amat's day care centres which open each morning before 7 a.m. and provide care and hot meals for children until a parent can return from work, even if that is twelve hours later! Parents pay only what they can afford. During the period of the Gulf War, when normal nurseries and schools were shut, Na'amat swung into 24-hour mode, running on-site child care centres around the clock for the employees of essential industries.

Na'amat's vocational high schools provide training for 2500 students each year. These young people, often from deprived backgrounds, are unable to cope because they have had difficulties in life. Many have already become involved with drugs, crime or prostitution. Na'amat teaches them societal skills, as well as a marketable vocation.

In addition, Na'amat operates 63 community centres, organizes activities to advance the status of women, provides free legal aid, post-secondary school scholarships for women, immigrant aid services, and family counselling (especially where physical abuse occurs).

Na'amat is playing a major role in the absorption of immigration from Ethiopia, Romania, South America, Iran and Russia. New immigrant families, as soon as they arrive, are paired with Na'amat volunteer families of similar size and interests, so that they have an instant *"mishpocha"* to aid in their acculturation. In addition, Na'amat supplies, at no cost, supplementary ulpan, day care and vocational high school training. Na'amat community centres provide many much-needed services, including free weddings, bar mitzvahs and briths for the new olim.

The one thousand Na'amat Canada members in Toronto are proud of their "sister" status with Na'amat Israel, an organization that has earned great respect & recognition in Israel.

SHALOM TORONTO

Shalom Toronto is holding its annual Newcomers Reception on **Monday, April 22, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building**. The reception provides the opportunity for greeters and newcomers to get together and for newcomers to meet each other.

An exciting evening is planned which includes a tour of the Lipa Green Building as well as displays by several Jewish women's organizations.

The program this year is being planned by Shalom Toronto Co-chairmen **Paula Mittleman** and **Audrey Taerk** and past Co-chairmen **Barbara Abrams** and **Marlene Bloom**. For further information, please contact Roberta Lensky at 635-2883 ext. 213 or 135.

The Jewish community would like to welcome newcomers to Toronto with a helping hand and a basket of symbolic items and useful information.

Are you a newcomer to Toronto? ***Do you know a newcomer?***

Call SHALOM TORONTO 635-2883 ext. 135

IN APPRECIATION

JWF expresses sincere appreciation to **Gerda Frieberg** and **Susan Goldberg** on the completion of their terms of office as JWF Vice Presidents. They served with enthusiasm and commitment, and are succeeded by **Beverly Holtzman** and **Helen Redner** who were installed at our installation held on March 4. **Hilda Cohen** continues in her current term as JWF Vice President.

UJA WALK 1991

With its theme, **"1991 The Journey Home"**, and its fundraising sights set on collecting enough proceeds to sponsor at least one or possibly two flights of Soviet Jews to Israel, planning for the 23rd annual United Jewish Appeal Walk for Israel is well under way.

This year's event will take place on **June 2nd** and according to Walk Co-chairmen **David Brown** and **David Engel**, an all-out effort will be made to increase adult involvement both as walkers and as active seekers of sponsorship dollars. In the past, generally it has been the youngsters of the Jewish community who have been sponsored over the Walk route. But this year, says Engel, "the tremendous cost of ensuring that Operation Exodus remains viable and ongoing, dictates that every sector of the Jewish community be involved."

Long acknowledged as both a family program and the central community wide event of Toronto Jewry in its identification with Israel, the Walk annually draws upwards of 12,000 - 15,000 participants and is followed by an afternoon Festival. Volunteers in any number of Walk and Festival related areas are sought. Please call Cindy at 635-2883 ext. 190.

RUSSIAN RESPONSE

The JWF Russian Response Committee (RRC) has been involved with many JWF Affiliates in the satisfying and exciting work of helping to integrate newly arrived Russians into the Toronto Jewish community. The RRC has taken part in several successful undertakings, working in cooperation with the TJC Community Integration Program and the Association of Soviet Jews.

In the early fall, **B'nai Brith Women** co-sponsored a High Holiday program at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. At Chanukah, Russians, most of whom had little experience of such celebrations, were invited to two different parties.

The first, held at Council House and co-sponsored with the **National Council of Jewish Women - Toronto Section, Thornhill Study Branch** and **World Jewry Committee**, hosted over 150 Russians. The other, co-sponsored by **B'nai Brith Women Elan Chapter**, was enjoyed by more than 80 newcomers at the Shalom Centre. In addition, 40 Russians were guests at a cantorial concert presented at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Purim parties also delighted the new Russian community. For the second consecutive year, **National Council of Jewish Women - Toronto Section, Chai Branch** and **World Jewry Committee,** were co-sponsors of a memorable evening. Another Purim event was held at the Shalom Centre, co-sponsored by the students at **CHAT**.

At Pesach the RRC takes part in several integration programs, one of which involves matching Russian families with Canadian families for home seders. **Beth Sholom Synagogue** has planned a Passover holiday program.

The RRC is eager to assist Affiliates or individuals who want to share the unique and satisfying task of helping the Soviet Jews become integrated into the Toronto Jewish Community. For more information, please call Marlene Sklar, 889-4031, or Roberta Lensky, 635-2883 ext. 213.

"HOW CAN PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS ENSURE THAT CHILDREN DEVELOP POSITIVE VALUES?"

This is the subject of JWF's Social and Political Action Committee's upcoming annual program. The topic arose out of round-table discussions held last fall with experts from various fields of Jewish interest. At the end of these sessions, which were coordinated by S&P's co-chairmen, **Jill Reitman** and **Shelley Fisher**, one simple fact became obvious. As Reitman explains, "It seemed that almost every topic discussed touched on whether we are ensuring that our children are learning positive values. We decided that we must address these concerns at our annual program".

The resulting program, scheduled for **May 1, 1991, 7:30 p.m.** at the Lipa Green Conference Centre, will feature an impressive panel:

Dr. Anne Golden, Executive Director of United Way, will explore how the attitudes forming in our children today will have a profound impact on the social policy of tomorrow.
Dr. Saul Levine, leading Toronto psychiatrist and author, will explain how parents play a powerful role in formulating children's belief systems and will identify the issues facing children of the 90's.
Marion Romm, guidance counsellor at Bialik Hebrew Day School, will share the successes of her school's programs and identify ways in which parents and grandparents can impact on their children's education.

Reitman and Fisher stress that this program is not a session on parenting but rather a forum for examining how parents can have a positive impact on their children's upbringing in an increasingly complex and pressured environment. Some specific concerns that will be addressed by the program include: How do we raise children to respect themselves and others? How do we ensure that our children will be beneficiaries of, and contributors to, a caring society? How can parents prevent negative behaviours, such as an increase of aggression in the schools, which is becoming more evident?

The program is open to the community. Admission is $5.00. For further information please contact the Jewish Women's Federation office at 635-2883 ext. 174

JEWISH WOMEN'S FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING

In celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, **Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg**, President and co-founder of The National Jewish Centre for Learning and Leadership (CLAL), will be the keynote speaker at the Jewish Women's Federation **Annual Meeting** on **Thursday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m.**

Rabbi Greenberg will speak on "Land for Peace: Fantasy or Reality?", a subject that challenges all Jews today. An ordained Orthodox rabbi, a Harvard Ph.D., a scholar and a prominent lecturer, Rabbi Greenberg is regarded as one of the foremost experts on Jewish thought and religion. Before CLAL was founded, Rabbi Greenberg served as rabbi of the Riverdale Jewish Centre, and he founded and chaired the Department of Jewish Studies of NY City College.

Jewish Women's Federation is fortunate to have this special opportunity to hear Rabbi Greenberg during his Toronto visit. The JWF Annual Meeting is open to all members of JWF's 50 Affiliate organizations and to the public. Please call 635-2883 ext. 135, to reserve.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

JWF Skills Development Institute is designed for Affiliate members to improve their skills and develop leadership techniques. The recent series addressed the topics of, "The Joy of Stress", "The Art of Communication", and "Group Dynamics". Co-chairmen of this event were **Gail Eisen** and **Fern Orzech**.

A successful JWF Presidents' Development Workshop was held recently on "Strategic Planning for Fundraising". Affiliate Presidents, Vice-Presidents, and fundraising chairmen participated in the program which was prepared and presented by **Lisa Morrison** (JWF Director) and **Michael Gilbert** (UJA Assistant Campaign Director). Chairman of Presidents' Development **Terri Weintraub** introduced the speakers.